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WAVE FAREWELL TO FESTIVAL

Music fans have been dealt a blow after promoters ClubClass pulled the plug on this summer's Electric Gardens festival at Mount Ephraim Gardens.
The two-day event, which last year attracted a 14,000 sell-out crowd, had been due to take place in August. It blames a host of reasons, among them mounting police costs.

EXCLUSIVE

BY GARETH ARNOLD

ELECTRIC Gardens – the biggest outdoor music festival in Swale – has been cancelled despite attracting a sell-out crowd last year.

The shock announcement came late last week as promoters ClubClass – who led the successful 2007 event – pulled out of the Faversham-based festival citing a lack of time and resources to give it “the attention it deserved”.

Last year's event, held at Mount Ephraim Gardens was headlined by the Happy Mondays and Supergrass and featured the likes of chart-topper Kate Nash. It attracted a capacity crowd of more than 14,000 revellers over two days.

The well-known promotions company has recently been involved in setting up Radio 1's Big Weekend festival, to be held at Mote Park in Maidstone next month. More than 40,000 people are expected to attend the event, although the line-up has not yet been announced.

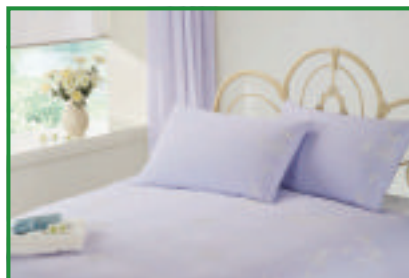
ClubClass promoter Jeff Gray said: “We simply don't have the time or resources to work on both the Radio 1 Big Weekend and Electric Gardens. We would not be able to give Electric Gardens the time or the commitment it needs and deserves.”

ClubClass also runs a popular indie night, Smash!, at the Loft nightclub in Maidstone, as well as and hosting the Maidstone leg of the BBC Introducing live band nights at the club.

Mr Gray said policing charges introduced on April 1, which require organisers of large events to cover the cost of police involvement, also contributed to the decision.

He said: “The cost of policing the event definite-

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YOUR MONEY - YOUR LOSS!

CRACKDOWN ON THE BENEFIT CHEATS

Your tip-offs already helping to help catch council cheats

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

COUNTERFEIT and corruption bosses have praised Yourswale's crackdown on benefits cheats – saying readers are already helping to make a difference.

This paper launched the 'Your Money – Your Loss' campaign two weeks ago to stop fraudsters taking money from your pockets which could go to the community.

We have teamed up with Swale council to expose and prosecute the con-artists who plague society by taking money they do not deserve.

As part of the drive we are calling on our readers to help root out the benefit cheats, who drained more than £295,000 of taxpayers' money from council coffers last year alone.

Tip-offs

Nick Saunders, Swale's benefits manager, said tip-offs from readers had already started to come in.

"I personally received a call from an anonymous person who had seen the article and was pleased to see that the council was taking action to protect the public purse and the team have received several phone

calls as a result of Yourswale's campaign.

"The campaign can really make a difference and we hope that people will continue to help us to stop those trying to take the community's money.

"We've got a number of on-going investigations but are always very grateful for more information.

"While we can't give direct responses to our informants I can assure them that all the information is looked at seriously.

"If it is deemed sufficient enough for further investigation the case is always taken up."

During the last year 12 people were prosecuted for benefit fraud, 16 were formally cautioned and 18 more received administrative penalties.

The £295,000 plus conned out of your welfare system came in housing benefit and council tax benefit, additional sums were also lost by the Department for Work and Pensions in respect of income support and job seekers allowance.

The council will prosecute if there is enough evidence and that a prosecution may result in a custodial sentence or a community punishment order.

• If you know a fraudster call the council's benefit fraud hotline on 01795 417714 or go the website at www.swale.gov.uk/doi/online.

'It's a shame it's not happening'

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ly had an impact; the River Festival in Maidstone isn't happening this year because of it, but it was one of many reasons."

A spokesman for Mount Ephraim Gardens said: "It's disappointing of course, but we're only the venue. It's a shame it's not happening, but there's nothing we can do."

Despite calling off Electric Gardens for 2008, ClubClass say they are planning to organise further festivals in Kent. However, it is not clear whether subsequent events will be held at Mount Ephraim.

Mr Gray said: "We will be back on the Kent festival scene next year with a bigger event; watch this space. Electric Gardens is a great festival which sold out last year, and could do the same again."

yourswale NEWS IN BRIEF

Dinghy in distress in Sunday blizzard

AN INFLATABLE dinghy got into difficulties during the blizzard conditions on Sunday afternoon.

The Whitstable lifeboat had to be launched to rescue the two people on board.

The dinghy, which was used to shuttle the crew of a large motor cruiser to and from the shore, was discovered near to the entrance of Faversham Creek.

The occupants were trying to return to the vessel, moored at Harty Ferry, after a visit ashore.

Prague musicians perform for parish

MUSICAL quartet the Prague Castle Orchestra will be appearing at Faversham's St Mary's parish church in May.

The concert is part of a wider European tour, and the group have already performed at the Rochester Sweeps, Canterbury and Broadstairs festivals.

All four musicians graduated from the Prague National Conservatoire of Music.

The performance is on May 8 and tickets are £8, available from Wym's Flowers in Preston Street and The Three Horseshoes in Staplestreet.

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Ship ahoy! Paddle tug raised to life

Delight for the trust chief who kept faith

BY RACHEL McATHY

IT'S BEEN a long time coming, but the raising of Britain's last remaining paddle tug is a dream come true for Sheldwich man Martin Stevens.

The painstaking operation using Atlas – the largest floating crane in Europe – took three days but eventually the last paddle tug, the John H Amos, was lifted from the River Medway.

The former River Tees tug – which worked for 27 years towing vessels and transferring crews – had been resting near the Chatham Historic Dockyard since the end of the Falklands War.

On Thursday, March 27, she was lifted from the slipway under the watchful eye of owner, Martin Stevens, who is relieved to finally see her out of the water.

He said: "At long last we can finally start to restore her which will be a massive job. It has



Picture: MARTIN STEVENS

FROM THE DEPTHS: Britain's last remaining paddle tug was finally raised from the River Medway on Thursday

been difficult to keep and all I could do was save her from the scrap yard and that was not easy."

She is now onboard the pontoon Portal Narvik in Rochester, awaiting higher tides to return to Chatham Docks.

Mr Stevens, from Sheldwich near Faversham, said: "Because of the delay she is on a pontoon at the moment but we hope to have her returned by the end of the week. Once we get her back, the first thing will be to clean her."

The John H Amos was listed in the Core Collection of the National Register of Historic Vessels in 1999, along with national icons such as the HMS Victory and Cutty Sark.

For many years she was berthed at the Historic Dockyard, but when they acquired the submarine Ocelot, the tug was moved to a new berth where she ultimately sank.

Mr Stevens founded the Medway Maritime Trust in 2001 and is now the chairman.

He said: "I have always known how important she was but once she was recognised by others I founded the trust so that we could go for funding from the National Lottery."

Quotations for the full restoration have indicated the cost will be around £6 million.

The John H Amos was used for towing barges to dredgers and the dumping grounds, and was finally withdrawn from service in 1967.

KCC under fire in bus battle

A BUS company that has lost its contract to run buses on the 666 route from Faversham to Ashford is taking its case to the Local Government Ombudsman.

The contract was obtained by the county council's own transport service.

Now John Mancini who runs Kingsman in Faversham has hit out claiming the council was using taxpayers' money to subsidise the tender won by its company, Kent Top Travel – a claim denied by Kent County Council.

He said: "They are putting people like me out of business."

"KCC sends out the tenders, they then look at the tenders and then decide who wins the tender. And then they award it to themselves on a figure that no one else can match."

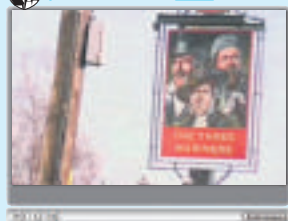
"It is unfair practice and I will take my case to the Local Government Ombudsman."

Nick Chard, KCC's member for finance, said: "What the private sector has a problem with is there is clearly competition. They feel as the public sector we shouldn't be competing with them."

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Relive a memorable gig at the Three Mariners in Oare

Guns among haul as part of countywide weapon plea

TWO guns and an imitation firearm were handed over to Mid Kent police during the first week of Kent police's countywide weapons surrender scheme.

In total four real firearms – including two shotguns – were given in across the county as well as six airguns, 43 swords and knives and four separate caches of ammunition.

Superintendent Peter Wedlake of the force's partnership and crime reduction department said: "We are pleased with the results from the first week of this surrender scheme, but would continue to urge anyone who has a weapon of any kind to hand it over to police."

"We still have three weeks left of our campaign and it is important that people continue to think about what they may have around their homes."

"Any weapon handed to police is one that cannot then be used in crime."

To report the misuse of weapons or provide information on illegal weapons or crime, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Alexander Centre turned down for lottery funding

THE BIG Lottery Fund has rejected a bid for £900,000 to fund a Faversham community project.

The funding would have helped towards the refurbishment of the Alexander Centre, to turn it into a fully functioning community centre.

However, despite being unsuccessful, the project steering group is adamant their plans will go ahead regardless.

Chairman Mike Cosgrove said: "Whilst this is disappointing news the project is gathering pace."

Ted Wilcox of Faversham town council, who also sits on the steering group, is equally determined to move the project forward.

He said: "The Alexander Centre is at the heart of Faversham and all parties will look at ways of maintaining and improving it."

"It will play a critical role over the coming years for supporting and nurturing communities across the

Faversham area."

At the time of bidding, Mr Wilcox said: "This bid is the first step towards providing an inviting modern facility where local groups and the community can get together, with access to local services and advice."

However, after the news funding will not be provided, project manager Greg Macdonald downplayed the importance of the result.

He said: "The outcome of the Big Lottery bid has never been a critical success factor for the project, all it means is a different phasing."

"The long term vision is putting the Alexander Centre at the heart of Faversham's community life."

In its response, the Big Lottery said: "Unfortunately, the competition for the funds and the need to ensure that a good range of projects was funded meant that we decided not to offer a grant for the Alexander Centre."

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NEWS IN BRIEF**Town hall funding for charities up for grabs**

GRANTS are now available for charities and voluntary groups seeking financial support for next year.

The Single Grants Gateway is the council's system for offering help to charities and voluntary groups, and can provide up to £50,000 of funding each year.

To qualify, an organisation must demonstrate it meets the criteria and contributes to the council's current priorities as outlined in its Corporate Plan.

Applications for both grants and parking concessions can be made until May 12 by visiting Canterbury council's website at www.canterbury.gov.uk/sgg.

Dog owner sentenced for neglecting his pet

A DOG owner from Ash has been sentenced after cruelly neglecting to treat his pet's flea allergy.

James Wilson, of Molland Lea, received a three-year conditional discharge and had to pay £250 costs after being convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to his dog, when he appeared before Canterbury magistrates last week.

The court heard when an RSPCA inspector arrived she found the black cross-breed dog named Rex suffering from a severe flea allergy that meant lots of its hair was missing.

Drop in and get your hearing aid checked

DEAF and hard-of-hearing charity Hi Kent is running another of its drop-in clinics for hearing aid users at its Canterbury centre next week.

People with NHS hearing aids can drop in and get their hearing aids cleaned and re-tubed, and also collect fresh batteries free of charge.

Hi Kent chief executive John Clayton said: "We are now bringing our free service to Canterbury on the third Friday of every month."

The next session will be held at 46 Northgate on 18 April from 10am-1pm.

Bus firm comes out top

CANTERBURY's park and ride services will be taken over by Kent Top Travel from October.

A spokesman for Kent County Council said the contractors were selected following a "full, competitive tender".

The service will receive 10 brand new vehicles – four double deckers and six single deckers.

'Tarnished jewel' set to shine again thanks to wildlife reserve scheme

Picture © GOMERSALL (rspb-images.com)

SEASALTER will be home to a new wildlife reserve after a partnership between the council and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

The Seasalter Levels, an area of 500 hectares of coastal marshland, is part of an internationally important site for nature conservation, but has been left neglected over recent years.

Now Canterbury council has agreed to help the charity buy back some of the land plots on the Whitstable Bay and Vikings Estates if required, which form part of the Levels.

The RSPB would own the land in its name and help with the cost of long-term maintenance.

Swale council and Natural England are also contributing towards the scheme.

Controversy has surrounded the purchase of the plot lands since they were created and sold off in the 1970s.

Some were used for illegal raves, caravan sites and buildings, with Canterbury council and Swale council taking action against more than 200 unauthorised developments.

It is hoped that the new scheme will return the marshlands to their former natural state.

In future the scheme hopes to attract breeding birds such as lapwings and redshanks, as

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

well as waders and wildfowl including teals, widgeons and curlews.

Plants and other wildlife would also prosper under the redevelopment.

Chris Corrigan, RSPB regional director for South East England, said: "Over time, we hope wildlife will return to the Levels, and the reserve can be extended out on to other neglected areas, which no longer support the wildlife that should be there."

Alan Parker, RSPB site manager for Seasalter Levels, said: "The Seasalter Levels are like a tarnished jewel."

"They are part of the wildlife-rich marshland of North Kent but illegal or inappropriate use has driven out the wildlife from much of the site."

"Although full restoration will take several years, local people should see a steady increase in the wildlife using the site as the work progresses."

"In time, Seasalter Levels will become the internationally important wildlife site it is supposed to be as well as a magical place for people to enjoy."

Leader of Canterbury council, Cllr John Gilbey, said: "We look forward to seeing the levels of wildlife we once used to have at Seasalter restored over the coming years."



HOME: Birds like this redshank are expected at the Levels

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Whitefriars' spring fashion show

SHOPS will be showing off their latest collections at the Whitefriars fashion show next week.

There will be four free half-hour shows held during the day – at 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.30pm – on a specially constructed stage and catwalk in Whitefriars Square.

The show is the culmination of three days of fashion events and promotions to mark the launch of spring and summer ranges.

In between the main fashion shows there will be a host of other activities on stage, including Toni & Guy hair shows, Boots makeovers, Millets presentations and demonstrations by All Fired Up Ceramics Café.

There will also be special guest appearances from Build-A-Bear Workshop's Bearemy, and Wagamama staff will be giving away two-for-one discount vouchers.

The fashion show will be held on Saturday, April 19.

Other events during the three-day Whitefriars Fashion Gala include a fashion and beauty event at Boots to be held on Thursday, April 17 from 5.30pm to 8pm.

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HOT TOPIC: Baroness Susan Greenfield will chair the panel of expert religious and scientific speakers

Open invite to join in city stem cell debate

SCIENTISTS and religious speakers will contest the issues surrounding controversial stem cell research at Christ Church University this Saturday.

Canterbury will host the public debate which will feature talks from one of the Archbishop's closest aides, as well as internationally renowned scientists.

The panel of expert speakers chaired by Baroness Susan Greenfield, director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, will present the scientific, governance and ethical issues and lead the debate.

Organised by the Canterbury Association of Women Graduates in association with the university, the event aims to enable people to find out more about stem cell research, which has divided scientists and church leaders along ethical lines.

Anita Bone, joint president of the Canterbury Association of Women Graduates, said: "Stem cell research is increasingly in the news, sometimes on a daily basis.

"Although the public have various concerns about the subject, particularly on the ethical issues, we feel that the general shortage of readily understandable information is preventing people reaching an informed opinion.

"This is an opportunity for professionals and public alike to learn the facts and to debate the issues involved."

Stem cells are cells capable of differentiat-

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

ing into a diverse range of specialised cell types, which could theoretically be used to replace damaged or diseased cells in patients.

Medical researchers hope to use the technology to treat a wide variety of diseases including cancer, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injuries, and muscle damage, as well as a number of other impairments and conditions.

Stem cell research is controversial because starting a stem cell line requires the destruction of a human embryo, which pro-life groups argue is a human life and should be afforded protection.

Claire Foster, the policy adviser in science, medicine, technology and environmental issues to the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, will talk about the ethical issues involved in stem cell research.

With a background in theology, moral philosophy and environmental and medical ethics, Mrs Foster is also senior adviser at St Paul's Institute for 21st century ethics, and a lay canon at St Paul's Cathedral, London.

Open to the public, the debate takes place in the Powell Building on the North Holmes campus. It runs from 9am-4pm. Entry is £35 and includes lunch and refreshments.

To book a place contact the Canterbury Association of Women Graduates on 01304 619143 or download the form at www.canterbury.ac.uk/events.

Showcase for top music talent

GUITARIST Duncan Black is one of Canterbury's top musical talents and is the subject of a special showcase on the county's top online music show.

The professionally-trained musician – who is now in training to become a music teacher – stars in The Ether, the regular section on our free, broadband website www.yourkenttv.co.uk which puts the spotlight on emerging talents.

Presenter Charley Vines chats to the musician about his career so far and gets his view on the county's music scene.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Officers get coast ready for the summer

WITH summer just around the corner, council officers have carried out a full foreshore inspection of Herne Bay and Whitstable.

Officers and street scene inspectors walked all 14 miles of the coastal strip between the council boundaries of Reculver and Seasalter.

They inspected everything from checking litterbins to making sure all the lifesaving equipment is in working order.

They also took the opportunity to talk to members of the public and hear their views about the state of the beaches and surrounding areas.

Any suggestions for improvements were also taken on board.

With the seasonal dog ban now in force until the end of September, the officers were eager to remind dog owners of the rules.

The ban is along two areas of beach, one in Herne Bay and the other at Tankerton.

Within these marked out areas, dogs are not allowed on the beach and have to be on leads on the promenade.

Beggar gets 80 days in jail for breaking city ban

SERIAL beggar James Love is behind bars because he broke an ASBO banning him from Canterbury city centre.

Love, 23, of Spring Lane, Canterbury was seen begging in Longport car park on March 7, and on March 28 he was seen in one of the city's underpasses.

Julie Farbrace, prosecuting at Canterbury Magistrates Court, said Love was seen by a parking attendant trying to beg from drivers.

David Nelson, defending, said Love was given the ASBO because he was convicted of begging offences six times between March 2006 and March 2007.

Love was sentenced to 80 days in prison.

Kite cameras give a rare bird's eye view of Oz

FILMS taken by kite-mounted cameras are one of the many works to be found at a new exhibition in Canterbury.

The kite was flown by artist Neville Gabie above three different aspects of the Western Australian landscape.

It is the central feature at Canterbury Royal Museum and Art Gallery.

Based on his work in Australia, Neville Gabie has just been selected by the British Antarctic Survey to do a residency in Antarctica in December 2008.

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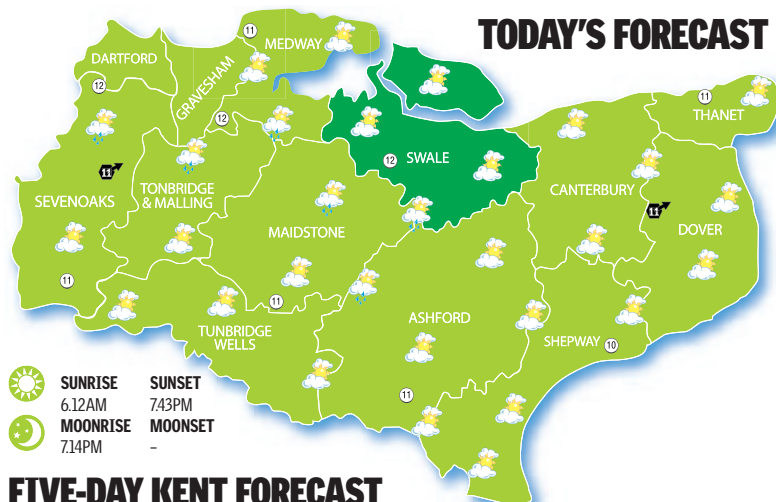
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Dover	Saturday	2:48pm	6.4m
	Sunday	3:41pm	6.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:45pm	7.5m
	Sunday	3:33pm	7.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:18pm	4.9m
	Sunday	4:11pm	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:21pm	5.6m
	Sunday	5:06pm	5.3m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:24pm	5.1m
	Sunday	5:06pm	4.9m

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Cape Town	19°C	Tenerife	22°C
Cardiff	6°C	Tokyo	15°C
Gibraltar	18°C	Vancouver	9°C
Hong Kong	30°C	Warsaw	14°C
Las Palmas	27°C	Wellington	16°C

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Sticker plan to ID illegal drivers

A HARD-hitting car sticker campaign has been launched by Mid-Kent police to deter uninsured drivers.

Officers will stick the bright 'No insurance, means no car' banners on the windows of uninsured vehicles as part of a clampdown on motorists who flout the law.

The scheme comes after a rise in the number of cars seized in Swale during the past two years.

PC Warren Jarvis said: "There has been a vast increase in the number of vehicles being seized for having no insurance, showing our determination to make the roads safer. Police seized 334 vehicles across Swale in 2006 and 413 in 2007."

"Drivers cannot afford to have a lax attitude towards safety, and driving with no insurance is dangerous and breaking the law."

The sticker campaign was rolled out for the first time at Kent County Showground in Detling on Wednesday March 26.

PC Jarvis said: "Three vehicles were seized at the multi-agency road stop check and we had many remarks on the new stickers being displayed on them. Not only are these stickers an aid for us to show that a vehicle is being taken off the road, but the message they display should act as a warning to other motorists that having no insurance could mean your car is seized and impounded."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

MARTIN BELLIS



Q What do you think is important for people in Faversham?

A It's very much about grassroots issues, the small things people want to see happening. There are lots of quality of life issues people would like to see addressed like litter, anti-social behaviour, noise pollution and so on.

A good example of this is the problem with announcements and chimes at Faversham station. Now I live near the station, and when I was sitting at my desk in the summer, obviously it's nice to have the window open. The chimes seemed unreasonably loud, and at one point there were 12 trains going through the station every hour, with three chimes for each, which means there were 36 chimes per hour. They were even sounding at night when people were trying to sleep, and I thought 'this isn't on'.

Complaints had been made to Network Rail by other people living nearby, but they didn't do anything about the problem. So I got up a petition and got people affected by the noise pollution to sign it.

The Lib Dems sent off the petition and a letter to the rail company and they promised to put a stop to the chimes, not only at Faversham station, but across the whole of the South East.

Q Is anti-social behaviour a real problem in the town? What do you think causes people to act in this way?

A It's a problem everywhere. Anti-social behaviour is a result of social break down.

I'm ex-Army, and I know what these lads are like.

Back in the day people used to do physical jobs on the land, but now these young men are stuck behind a computer screen in a call centre all day, so of course it comes out in other ways.

And of course we live in a society where you are told you have to be perfect and handsome and rich, and have lots of material goods – bigger cars, bigger televisions, bigger houses – but this is really not what life is about.

Q What do you think is important?

A It's about having regard for other people, and caring for your community. I don't mean this in a namby pamby way, but you get the most out of life through your relationships with other people and your relationship with the community.

Q Why are you a Liberal Democrat, and not a member of the other parties?

A I don't like politics in general, I don't like the spin and I don't like the fact people have become so disillusioned and apathetic about the whole thing because of a lack of trust.

But I've realised that to get things done, you have to play the game so to speak.

I support the Lib Dems because they seem to

be the party most in touch with what the local community actually wants. The Tories in Faversham are very reactive, they only do something when pushed into it, and the Labour Party in the town are dinosaurs.

Q Where do you stand on the war in Iraq?

A I am completely opposed to the war in Iraq. The Lib Dems were the only party who opposed the war at the time and look where it's got us now. Of course as an ex-Army man I completely support the lads out there, but we should never have gone in the first place. It's not just Iraq, we have destabilised the whole of the Middle East.

My opponents say what has this got to do with local politics? It's got everything to do with it. Think how many billions of pounds have been ploughed into this war, money which could have been used to improve life at a grassroots level.

Q Tell us about your background

A I went into the Army when I was a young man and a lot of good it did me. I did various things there including accountancy, but got into the physical training side of it. Keep fit has been my life in a way, and I'm keen to see good facilities in the town. The Jubilee Centre is a great community resource.

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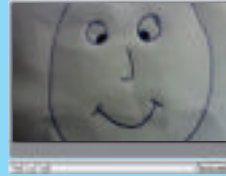
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Site maps out the reasons behind safety cameras

BY NICK AMES

A WEBSITE showing the location of speed cameras on the county's roads has just been set up.

The Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership is running a new advertising campaign inviting the public to log on to www.kmscp.org, where they can see where every camera is – and find out the reasons for their installation.

The group says the drive – which will have information published in print as well as on TV and radio – is to show that cameras are there for safety reasons first and foremost.

Critics of the surveillance equipment have frequently stated that the cameras act mainly as cash-generating devices to provide revenue for their operators – and have a negligible effect on road safety and accident prevention.

Staff said that by listing the safety camera sites motorists will be armed with the knowledge of where the cameras are operating, giving them a chance to slow down and avoid a £60 fine and three points on their licence.

As well as the locations, the website lists the speed limit the camera is enforcing, the type of camera being used and the casualty figures for the area – explaining why the camera was installed in the first place.

The site also explains how safety cameras work, the reasons they have been brought in and how many tickets have been issued to the



Picture: KCP

EXPLAINED: The site will give the reasons behind the locations of every speed camera in the county

motoring public. According to the partnership there has been a 58 per cent reduction in those killed or seriously injured at safety camera sites since it was formed in July 2002.

Rachel Wall, the partnership's communications manager, said: "The advertising campaign aims to raise awareness of our website, which holds a huge amount of information about safety cameras, including the location of every site in the county.

"The cameras are only installed where people have died or been seriously injured in a speed-related crash, and these crash statistics can be viewed on our site.

"The cameras are not there to make money but to warn motorists that previous casualties have occurred on the section of the road that the camera is enforcing, and that the camera is a way of slowing traffic to ensure such tragedies are not repeated."

Puppy scam that hurts your pocket

ANIMAL lovers have been warned to be wary of a scam in which people hand over money for puppies that are never received.

Newspaper advertisements have appeared offering puppies for little or no money other than the cost of transportation by courier from places such as Scotland or Plymouth, say Kent police.

Anyone who answers the advertisement is asked to forward the courier costs via a money transfer service.

When the puppy has not been delivered and contact is made to the supplier via a mobile telephone, the person is asked to send additional funds to ship the animal by a "professional animal transportation company".

No matter how much money is sent, and regardless of promises made by the supplier, the animal is never received.

The transferred funds are collected within hours of being sent and cashed overseas.

Anyone who may have information regarding this type of crime can phone the investigating officers on 01622 654374.

Dyke slates Blair and 'gutless' BBC bigwigs

FORMER BBC director general Greg Dyke blasted ex-Prime Minister Tony Blair during a speech at the Kent 2020 exhibition.

More than 2,500 guests attended the county's biggest business event on Thursday at Kent County Showground at Detling Hill, Maidstone.

Many of them heard Mr Dyke, who was the keynote speaker, say it was four years since he had left the BBC following a controversial story about the need to go to war in Iraq because of alleged weapons of mass destruction.

He said: "If I was still in charge of the BBC, I would have described the governors of the BBC as fine, upstanding people, but I can tell you most were hopeless, gutless bastards and the sooner the system is changed the better.

"The evidence is quite clear that both the British and US governments grossly exaggerated the case for war. The BBC story that led to my departure was right. We were right and they were wrong. We as journalists did our job, Tony Blair did not do his as we have expected of a prime minister. We as journalists told it as it was. He didn't."



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Campaign has hand in hygiene advance



BY PHIL REILLY

A NEW report has shown a rise in the number of hospital workers washing their hands just days after KOS Media launched a campaign to encourage hygiene.

The East Kent Hospitals Patient and Public Involvement Forum conducted an audit of people using alcohol hand-washing solution at the William Harvey, Kent and Canterbury and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother hospitals.

It took place on February 7, just four days after KOS Media launched its campaign to promote hand hygiene at home, work, hospitals and healthcare centres across the county.

Volunteers from the forum observed more than 1,500 doctors, nurses, patients, visitors and other staff, and found that more were using alcohol gel to keep their hands clean than during a previous audit in October.

The audit found that 64 per cent of doctors, 67 per cent of nurses, 80 per cent of other health-care workers, 17 per cent of patients and 41 per cent of visitors were seen to use alcohol gel when entering or leaving wards.

The report's author, John Fletcher, said this was an improvement on the previous audit but said more should be done to make sure those entering hospitals washed their hands at the entrances.



KEEPING IT CLEAN: Maidstone was one of the hospitals at the centre of the shocking superbug outbreaks

He also said that door cleaning should be a priority and insisted it was very important for staff who moved from ward to ward to clean their hands regularly.

Among the most common excuses made by those caught not cleaning their hands were "I forgot", "I didn't know" and "I am about to do it at the next ward".

Sarah Andrews, director of nursing and lead for infection control in Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS Trust, said she was delighted to see a rise in the number of people using the alcohol gel so soon after the launch of the campaign.

She said: "We hope this shows that this important campaign is having a positive effect on cleanliness in our hospitals and public health."

"The PPI Forum's report on their hygiene

audit is always very helpful. Hopefully when the next audit is done we will see a further rise in the number of people using the gel – then we will be certain that the campaign is working."

"If anyone would like to help by displaying a poster they can contact our communications team on 01227 791166 who will be happy to send one to them."

KOS Media's campaign, in partnership with the NHS, aims to raise awareness of the importance of hand hygiene in hospitals and help in the fight against superbugs.

It follows devastating outbreaks of the superbug *Clostridium difficile* in west Kent, which killed at least 90 people.

Industry watchdog the Healthcare Commission cited poor infection control as a major cause in a damning report last October.



RESCUE MISSION: John H Amos hoisted from Medway

Raised from the river 25 years on

IT took three days but eventually the last paddle tug in the UK, the John H Amos, was lifted from Medway's waters.

The former River Tees tug – which worked for 27 years towing vessels and transferring crews – has been resting on the river near the Chatham Historic Dockyard since the end of the Falklands War.

The John H Amos was this week hoisted from the slipway by the largest floating crane in Europe, Atlas.

Martin Stevens, who owns the 1931 tug, is relieved to finally see her out of the water.

He said: "At long last we can finally start to restore her, which will be a massive job. It has been difficult to keep and all I could do was save her from the scrapyard and that was not easy."

She is now onboard the pontoon Portal Narvik in Rochester, awaiting higher tides to return to Chatham Docks.

Mr Stevens, from Sheldwich near Faversham, said: "Once we get her back, the first thing will be to clean her."

The John H Amos was listed in the Core Collection of the National Register of Historic Vessels in 1999, along with national icons such as the HMS Victory and Cutty Sark.

For many years she was berthed at the Historic Dockyard, but when they acquired the submarine Ocelot, the tug was moved to a new berth where she ultimately sank.

Mr Stevens founded the Medway Maritime Trust in 2001 and is now the chairman.

• **Martin Stevens see Talk Time page 16**

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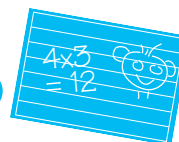
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MORE than 50 per cent of Kent schools have followed the lead of Eastchurch Primary School in Sheppey by registering as eco-schools.

The prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag is the highest award for environmental excellence available to schools.

Eastchurch received their permanent flag in August 2006, after attaining green flag status four times.

Now 26 other schools in Kent have followed suit with green flags of their own.

A further 50 are working towards it by implementing a range of environmentally sustainable measures like turning off lights, installing insulation and solar panels, recycling as much as possible and saving water.

Purrfect pet carers

THE RSPCA has praised students at Fulston Manor for demonstrating the best way to care for pets.

Rosie and Holly, who are studying ICT, received small prizes in recognition of their Powerpoint presentations.

The slides were on caring for cats and dogs, as part of their IT work, and Nicki Honey from the RSPCA praised their standard as well as the content.

SEND your schools news and pictures to yourswale@kosmedia.co.uk. You can also upload your own video clips of schools events on to www.yourkenttv.co.uk

Redvelopment is the final step for merger

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

BRAND new facilities are top of the class at Boughton and Dunkirk Village School.

The new primary was formed after the merger of Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Village, with new classrooms and extensive refurbishment almost complete.

The Boughton site is being redeveloped with a new seven-classroom block, to replace the temporary mobile rooms being used by pupils while work is ongoing.

This includes the refurbishment of two Key Stage 1 classrooms, four new Key Stage 2 classrooms and a reception classroom with a covered play area.

Each classroom is to be fitted with interactive whiteboards, extra storage and a reading area, as well as new car parking outside.

The old Edwardian building will also be reorganised to include a reception area, headteacher's office, group meeting area, storage, staff and disabled washrooms.

The redevelopment is the result of plans first drawn up in May 2007 to amalgamate the two schools.

They were first brought together under a federation in 2006, with a single headmaster and one governing body.

The new development is intended to provide a single-use site for both sets of pupils, after the initial tie-up was unable to boost student numbers at Dunkirk, despite bringing about improvements.

The school has been a feature of Dunkirk village for many years, but there are now no longer enough local children to sustain it, with only two classes being taught since September last year.



REFURBISHED: The old Edwardian building has been reorganised as part of the redevelopment

The new set-up will see children learning in mixed age classes covering at least three year groups and across Key Stages.

Most of the children attending the Dunkirk school actually live closer to Boughton school, and in September only one pupil entered Dunkirk in the reception year.

Families in Dunkirk can now make use of breakfast, late care clubs and after-school activities that could not be provided for at the old location, which has now been closed down.

Pupils from Dunkirk have been joining up with their new classmates and are being taught in temporary accommodation, until building work is complete.

It is intended that those who are entering Key Stage 1 be taught in a class size of no more than 30, or smaller if possible. Those in large class sizes in other year groups will continue to use additional temporary classrooms.

From September 2008 the intake number into the reception class will be 30.

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Olympic ideal won't tackle the world's burning issues

TRAVELLING through London can be stressful at the best of times with the chuggers, cycle couriers and crowds of ambling tourists conspiring to impede your progress, and generally make the experience more annoying than it has to be.

And despite a history involving camels, being carried underwater by divers and even getting transmitted as a radio signal, the Olympic torch has had a rough time over the last few days.

The flame was actually extinguished on Monday – only the third time this has happened in modern history – as the French brought their undeniable skill at protesting to bear on the beleaguered beacon.

Some British newspapers have already labelled the progress of the torch a farce, but it's hardly the first time the procession has ignited controversy. In fact, the torch's very inclusion in the Games is a touchy subject for some.

Despite its historic origins – the ancient Greeks believed the flame which burned permanently in Olympia had been stolen from the gods – the torch was only reintroduced at the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam.

But the real issue many have is with the relay itself, which was brought back by the Nazis at the infamous 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.

Despite these unsavoury origins, the torch relay has stayed with us and become something of an event in itself, with countries trying to outdo each other with increasingly outlandish ways of transporting the burning stick.

The gold medal for most bizarre fire-shifting method goes to Canada. For the 1976 Montreal games, the flame was converted into a radio signal and beamed from Athens to Ottawa.

This year is no different, and the flame will even visit the top of Mount Everest on its long route to Beijing. This increasingly lavish relay – particularly the fact the route goes through Tibet – proves that Olympic officials at least have decided sport and politics can be separated as easily as disruptive children.

But many disagree. The ability to erect a magic barrier between sport and world events remains as fanciful as the Olympic flame's divine origins. From the rebel cricket tours of South Africa to Muhammad Ali's refusal to be drafted to Vietnam, history has proved that sport cannot exist in a vacuum.

Yes, international sporting competition brings together cultures and nationalities combined in a common goal. But a 100-metre sprint does not break down barriers caused by years of political double-crossing or the trampling of people campaigning for their right to be heard.

If it did, sport would have solved the world's ills long ago.

It is time the International Olympic Committee, and the world, stopped turning a blind eye to China's human rights abuses and faced up to the fact these burning issues will not simply go away.

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Question: Which one of the following acts does not appear in AFRIKA!AFRIKA!

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TALK TIME

MARTIN STEVENS

The chairman of the Medway Maritime Trust, from Sheldwich, discusses the John H Amos, the paddle tug lifted out of the River Medway last month



Why was the lift such a significant event?

For more than three decades the John H Amos waited for this moment. Until now her restoration could not start because she was on a site needed for development and she had to be moved. The vessel could not be towed away because her hull was corroded and could not be trusted to survive a hazardous tow. It would have been embarrassing for the developers to have her cut up because she is one of the most important historic vessels in the country. The only option was to lift her with a giant crane and place her on her own pontoon.

Why is the tug so important?

The John H Amos was the last paddle tug built in Great Britain for civilian owners, and now she is the last surviving paddle tug in the UK. Some diesel-electric paddle tugs were built latterly for the Royal Navy, but the last one, Forceful, was scrapped after being used as a missile target. The last but one steam paddle tug in the UK, Reliant, was controversially scrapped after being on display in the Neptune Hall at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. It is thought that the only other paddle tug in the world is the Epplen Hall in San Francisco.

What was she used for?

For 27 years between 1940 and 1967, the period covered by the Daily Towage Records at Teesside Archives, she worked an almost monotonous daily routine doing exactly the work she was built for. The Tees has been referred to disparagingly as a muddy ditch. The raison d'être of the John H Amos was to be a key part of the continuous dredging team. Her relatively shallow draught compared with a propeller-driven screw tug enabled her to work in the shallow waters as far up river as Stockton.

YOUR LETTERS



Building toilets will help Stack issue

The problem of lorry drivers parking up on our roadsides has been one which has rumbled on – excuse the pun – for years now (Lorry park plan to clean up mess, Yoursware, April 2).

Yet because of the gridlock caused by Operation Stack it seems the topic is the current flavour of the month and suddenly after no action, there seem to be ideas and projects springing up all over the county.

Should the suggestion for Brenley Corner get the go-ahead then are we prepared to see more of our countryside transformed into lorry parks?

If the issue is centred around the provision of facilities for lorry drivers, then surely some dedicated bathroom areas could solve the problem rather than having to see yet more fields churned up?

Terry Gough
Faversham

Let Dover take the lorry driver strain

Can't we just tell lorry drivers they have to park somewhere



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else? I know they have to have a break, but surely the likes of Dover should provide this, seeing

how much the town is based around the cross-Channel trade? Otherwise, those of us in

Faversham face the prospect of a sprawling lorry park on our doorstep, which, should it be built could continue to expand as the amount of traffic increases.

J Smith
Faversham

Less demand will change pub culture

Every week it seems there is another scare story over the future of pubs in this country (Landlords' fear of last chance saloon, Yoursware, April 2).

Yet whatever the reason given – bad weather, increasing cost of beer – the one recurring problem is the smoking ban.

Which leads me to a number of possible conclusions.

Either the attraction of pubs are so limited that unless you can actually sit inside them and smoke, people are stopping going – which suggests smokers were the primary users – or simply our culture has changed sufficiently to mean they are just going out of fashion.

Which presents every landlord and brewery with a real dilemma. Do they undergo a major rethink or cut their losses, bite the bullet and close pubs down?

Either way, business tends to have a natural evolution – and the equation of no demand, no money, is likely to see our pub culture change forever.

I'd be interested in what your readers think.

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Graveney

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We should all stand united in opposing this unbearable pressure.

Cathy Dawson

Via email

Deep-clean leaves streets sparkling

NINE roads across Swale will be swept and scrubbed in the coming weeks as part of the council's year-long deep-clean programme.

Roads in Sittingbourne, Faversham and on the Isle of Sheppey will be cleaned by Swale council's clean and green team using a high-powered mechanical sweeper.

Cleaning services manager Alan Turner said: "We would like to thank the residents for moving their vehicles as it really helped us to make Swale's streets cleaner."

The deep cleans take place every Wednesday morning. Belmont Road in Halfway, Sheppey, will be scrubbed this morning.

The next before a day on a leaflet will be

Progress is not in the council's vocabulary

What kind of thinking are we seeing these days: mechanical sweepers visiting one street per week (Deep-clean leaves streets sparkling, Yourswale, April 2)?

When I was young during the 1950s and 60s we had daily cleansing of our streets.

All I can say is that I am glad that I was young when I was – for many reasons. It would seem that both the status quo and progress doesn't fit into the council's vocabulary.

Alan May
Tonge

Stop treating us like mindless idiots

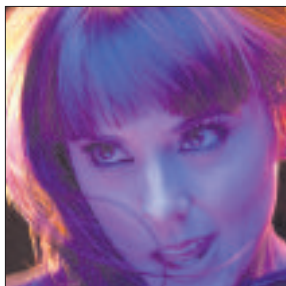
Now the plan is to hide cigarettes under the counter to discourage people from smoking.

Shouldn't we do the same for sweets to prevent children's teeth rotting and hide the food to cut obesity? Where is it going to end?

I'm fed up with being treated as a mindless idiot; we can decide if we want to smoke, drink or get fat.

We have a lot more problems to worry about in this country than putting cigarettes under the counter, if they do, how are we going to be able to see the prices?

Mr Brown
Sittingbourne



Swimathon can spice up your exercise

Would you like to get fit and do something for charity? Then why not join Swimathon 2008 – the world's largest swimming fundraising event taking place from 17-20 April.

Sittingbourne's Swallows Leisure Centre is one of the pools taking part in this year's event, which will see up to 19,000 swimmers around the UK help raise £1.8 million for Marie Curie Cancer Care and The Swimathon Foundation.

As a keen swimmer myself, I find swimming is a great way to get in shape for summer – it uses every muscle group in the body and burns more calories than other regular exercise activities like running.

Swimathon is also a perfect

opportunity for families to do some exercise together, and for parents to get their kids away from their computer screens and doing something healthy and active.

The other reason I want to encourage people to get involved is that Marie Curie Cancer Care is a cause very close to my heart.

It provides completely free, high quality nursing, to give terminally ill patients the choice of dying at home supported by their families.

As well as providing this home nursing service, it also runs 10 Marie Curie Hospices which promote the best quality of life for people with cancer and other illnesses.

The more people who sign up to Swimathon 2008, the more people will be able to experience the best possible end of life care, surrounded by family and loved ones.

If you'd like to sign up, just log on to www.swimathon.org or call the Swimathon support line on 0845 36 700 36.

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Melanie C
Via email

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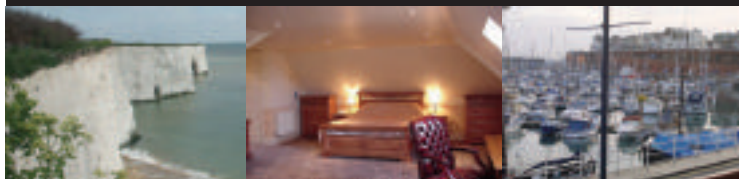
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THE BIG BALLET

Sunday, April 27
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EXPERIENCE something very different from the world of dance when The Big Ballet arrives in Kent.

Gone are the narrow, skinny dancers who usually grace the stage – no member of The Big Ballet weighs less than 17 stone. In fact, maintaining their weight is a requirement of the role and Tatyana Gladkih was recently suspended for dropping below 220 pounds.

After being excluded from pre-tour training for two weeks, she got back up to the optimum weight and was allowed to rejoin the company.

Part of the Evgenii Panfilov Russian State Ballet, the group was formed back in 1994. It is based in Russia's Ural mountains, the 2,500km-long region which also produced musical geniuses Tchaikovsky and Diaghilev.

Influential choreographer Panfilov wanted to help larger dance lovers challenge social boundaries and take their place on the stage, exploding the more established idea of what ballerinas should look like.

Originally he auditioned women weighing at least 12 stone, but as the company's popularity grew, competition for the coveted places became fierce. So he introduced a minimum weight of 17 stone and the 16 current dancers are weighed at their monthly medical checks.

Many of those who auditioned for the company were ordinary women who had low self-esteem and were fed up with taunts about their size.

Determined to indulge their love of dance, they seized the opportunity to work with Panfilov. He took these novice dancers and gave them the skills and confidence to become professional dancers, who have astonished audiences all over the world with their grace, passion, fitness and stamina.

Affectionately dubbed 'the sugar plump fairies', these amazing dancers have attracted a loyal follow-

Big is beautiful

Huge ballerinas who will astonish with their grace

ing. The spring UK tour sees the company performing on a black box stage in custom-made costumes, parodying popular classical ballets. They also step up the pace with more contemporary music, such as hits by Robbie Williams and Tom Jones.

The Big Ballet appeared on the Trisha Goddard TV show on Channel Five while on tour last year and are expected to be making some television appearances during their spring tour.

Organisers are convinced audiences will be stunned by the grace and nimbleness of these larger-bodied performers and it is hoped

that other people who are worried about their weight will be inspired to follow their dreams.

Performing with the Fighting Club Dance Company, The Big Ballet will produce a 'smashing cocktail' of hits and take the audience into a fantasy from the land of sultans, harems and luxurious palaces.

The performances start at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets cost £17.50/£16.50. Phone the box office on 01622 758611, or alternatively book online at www.hazlitttheatre.co.uk.

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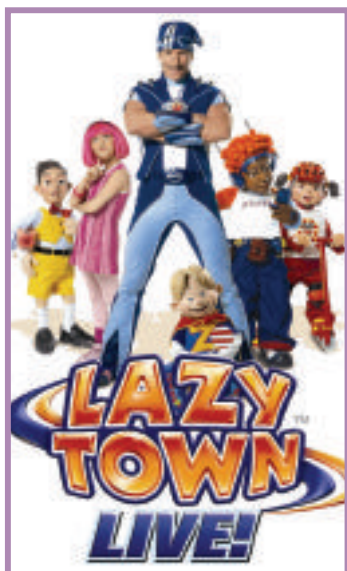
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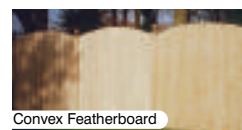
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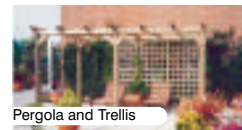


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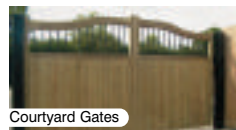


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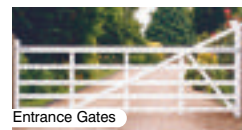


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Lounge on the Farm and hear great bands

BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE line-up for this year's Lounge on the Farm festival is taking shape, with seven more top acts adding their name to the bill.

Isle of Wight rockers The Bees are arguably the pick of the bunch, returning to the Merton Farm three-day after performing a rip-roaring set in The Cow Shed last year.

The Mercury Prize-nominated band, most famed for their summer smash hit A Minha Menina, will be joined by Lightspeed Champion, Findlay Brown, The Shortwave Set, The Bookhouse Boys and DJ slots by Cagedbaby and Filthy Dukes. The seven will be placed snugly in the festival's already bulging line-up, which boasts Art Brut, Black Kids, Holly Golightly and Billy Childish.

A Lounge spokesman promised further acts would be added to the bill in the coming weeks and said: "With some exciting further line up announcements to come, Lounge On The Farm gives local acts the opportunity to play alongside some genuine heavy hitters."

"Aside from the music, there will be plenty of amazing attractions including The Village Green that boasts specially brewed ciders and beers and mouth-watering food concessions where all the goods are sourced from within a 20-mile radius of the site."

"There will also be the Little Lounge and Red Tent to keep the younger crowd occupied and the School Of Rock that will be unearthing Kent's future stars."

The festival runs from Friday, July 11 to Sunday 13.

Early bird weekend tickets cost £65 for an



SIGNED UP: The Bees (above) and Lightspeed Champion are among the latest list of names set to play on the farm

adult, £35 for a child and £140 for a family, based on two adults and two children. Full weekend prices are set at £85 for adults, £40 for children and £180 for families. A day pass will cost an adult £35 and a child £20. Children under five go free.

For more information visit www.loungeonthe farm.co.uk

• The line-up so far: Lightspeed Champion, The Bees, Art Brut, Black Kids, Jon Carter, Dub Pistols Sound System, Sargasso Trio, Pete Molinari, Kevin Rowland (DJ Set) Aba Shanti Sound System, Sonny J, Kitty Daisy & Lewis, Holly Golightly & The Broke Offs, Underground Heroes, Guy Williams, Bones, Billy Childish, The Shortwave Set, Bookhouse Boy, Findlay Brown, The Filthy Dukes (DJ Set), Caged Baby (DJ Set).



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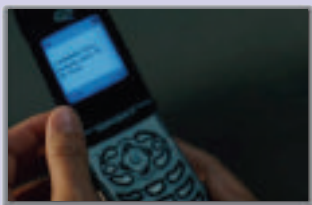
In this exploration of our violent society and how depictions of violence reflect and shape our culture, a middle-class housewife Anna tells the story of how she and her husband George and their 10-year-old son submitted physically and mentally to the torture foisted upon them by two young, white-gloved visitors at their weekend vacation retreat.

HOW SHE MOVE (12A)



An aspiring medical student whose drug-addicted sister has recently died and who may be forced to relocate from her posh private school to the crime infested neighbourhood in which she was raised enters a step-dancing competition in the hope of securing the funds needed to continue her education.

ONE MISSED CALL (15)



What will it sound like when you die? In One Missed Call, chains of people receive terrifying cell phone messages of their own final fatal moments. Though the messages can be deleted, their number is up. Beth Raymond (Shannyn Sossamon) is traumatised when she witnesses the gruesome deaths of two friends just days apart.

Farmer Hayden has a dilemma

■ BY KATE WHITING

HAYDEN Christensen is shaking off the Star Wars label and emerging as one of Hollywood's hottest actors, with lead roles this year in Jumper and Awake. But away from the big screen he's adapting to a rather different role – as a farmer.

Whilst most movie stars tend to go for flash sports cars and luxury pads on the beach, Canadian-born Hayden, 26, invested in a farm last year, complete with pigs.

"I tried to spend most of my past summer there," he says. "I've got these two miniature pot-bellied pigs."

But the harsh realities of farming could prove difficult – he admits he's struggling to even eat meat.

"It's a big dilemma for me right now. I'm not a vegetarian and I like my meat but having these pigs is definitely starting to mess with my head. I had my family over yesterday and so I went up to the market to buy food and usually I would buy pork ribs. I had this whole thing at the counter as to whether or not I should get them. I didn't get them."

When he's not on the farm, Hayden is out globetrotting, admitting he's spent lots of time in the Bahamas and London. But for his latest film, Awake, he returned to New York, where he'd studied at the Actors Studio.

The thriller sees his character undergo a heart transplant just hours after marrying his fiancée, played by Jessica Alba.

But as his character Clayton Beresford slips under the anaesthetic, he realises he can still hear and see everything but is unable to move – a real-life medical phenomenon known as 'anaesthetic awareness'.

Trapped in a kind of chemical straightjack-

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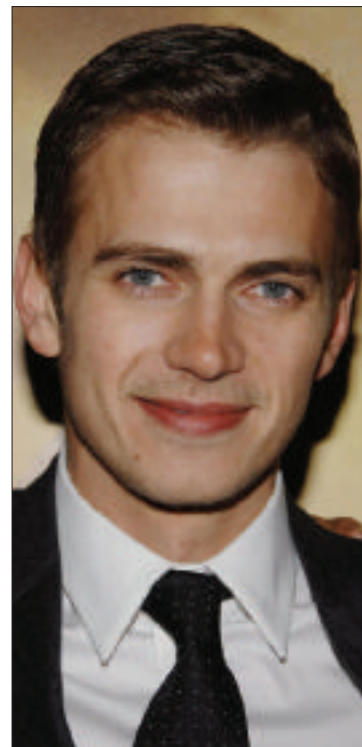


et, Clay can feel the surgery and hears secret conversations, which make him realise he's never meant to wake up.

"It was a really scary premise," admits Hayden. "But there was a little over a week of filming where I had to be lying down on an operating table, completely dormant and that got very boring."

"I wasn't actually lying on top of the table, that was a prosthetic body, but my head was what it was attached to. I was in this contraption that they had built that looked like an operating table, so my body was really contorted underneath."

Hayden's character Clayton had a seemingly charmed life, with a doting mother, a beautiful fiancée Sam and a cardiologist (Terence Howard) as a best friend. But he also has a deadly heart condition – and can't tell his mum (Lena Olin) about his fiancée because Sam works for her.



OUTDOORS: Hayden Christensen has bought a farm

He finally confesses their relationship and is shocked when his mum offers to pay Sam to 'go away'. In haste he betrays his mum and marries Sam.

But while he's under the anaesthetic, he hears things that suggest he might have put his trust in the wrong person. It's a complex and emotional plot – a world away from light-sabres and Jedi mind-tricks.

He's also signed up to appear alongside William Hurt and Willem Dafoe in World War II drama Beast Of Bataan.

After a stint treading the boards in London before his Star Wars fame, Hayden says he would love to return to the West End.

"I really like London and I really liked my experience when I was there, so I would love to do it again."



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Enjoy Irish hospitality

BY SARAH EBNER

FOR some time I've had a hankering to take my family to Ireland, but somehow it never happened.

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After an hour and a half flight, we arrived at Galway Airport and, having hired a car, immediately set off for Connemara. The drive was gorgeous, through beautiful rolling hills.

We drove to Renvyle, almost at the western tip of the country, and checked in at the Renvyle House Hotel. I know I'm at risk of gushing, but it was fabulous.

At Renvyle House, our accommodation was one of the new Island Suites. This meant my two children were together in one room, while my husband and I shared the other.

The hotel is spectacularly situated on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, right on a lovely pebble beach.

The hotel is well set-up for youngsters, with a playground and heated outdoor pool. As well as a nine-hole golf course, its own lake to fish in and beautiful surrounding woodlands.

Lovely as the hotel was, we couldn't spend all of our time there as there are so many other things to see and do in the west of Ireland.

One place we visited was the very pretty



BEAUTIFUL: Enjoy spectacular scenery in Ireland

town of Clifden. From there we took the appropriately named Sky Road (up onto the cliffs) which had stunning views. We also saw the monument to Alcock and Brown, the men who took the first transatlantic flight, and who landed right near the tip of Clifden.

Despite its name, the beach at Dogs Bay, near Roundstone, was so clean, fresh and pretty it was almost the stuff of dreams. While in

Roundstone itself we made sure we went to the workshop run by Malachy Kearns, better known as Malachy Bodhran among folk musicians because he makes Ireland's oldest product, the bodhran drum.

After three days in Renvyle, we weren't quite ready to leave (we hadn't even visited the Connemara National Park, which was just 10 minutes from our hotel), but we had to, as we were booked in for a stay in Galway City.

Galway City is buzzing at the moment. It's the fastest growing city in Ireland and incredibly busy. It's also a great place to visit, easy to walk around and with lots of shops, cafes and restaurants. Luckily there is (once again) lots to explore with children.

We visited the Galway Atlantiquaria, the national aquarium of Ireland, where my son was mesmerised by the fish. We also went to the City Limits Entertainment Centre in nearby Orammore where the kids took advantage of the soft play area and slot machines.

Another gem was the Turoe Pet Farm and Leisure Park, around 20 minutes away by car and another excellent attraction for families.

Our base in Galway City was the Days Hotel, well located and once again family-friendly with a very good kids' club.

All in all, the west of Ireland was a great place for our family summer holiday. I would have been happy to have stayed longer and would love to go back one day.

The children were (and still are) incredibly enthusiastic about it, and as all parents will know, if the kids are happy, then you are too.

FACT FILE: IRELAND

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Capital	Dublin
Population	Approx 4.3 million
Currency	Euro (1.26 to £1 approx)
Religion	Catholic
Climate	Mild
Language	English

Holiday details

Sarah Ebner and family were guests of Tourism Ireland and stayed at the Renvyle House Hotel in an Island Suite. In high season, suites cost £225 per night, B&B, plus £30 for dinner, and £10 for child's supper. Single, double and family rooms are available.

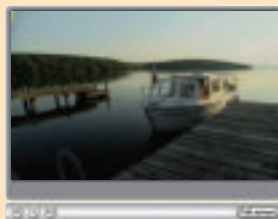
In February, five nights B&B with four dinners starts around £235.

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At Days Hotel, Galway, dinner and B&B costs around £75 per person per night, with 3-15-year-olds paying an extra £25 per night, including access to Kids Club.

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YOUR TV REVIEW



RETURNED: Bianca (Patsy Palmer) and Ricky (Sid Owen) have returned to Albert Square

■ BY TOM BETTS

EASTENDERS
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IT'S a tell-tale sign that a show is stuck for ideas and good characters when it brings back old or dead ones.

So it is with that in mind that I turn my quill to EastEnders, who have brought Ricky and Bianca back to the Walford bosom for a second assault on the public's senses.

When TV producers dig up the apparently deceased, or worse, make that offer of work call to Sid Owen, it's clear the barrel bottom is being scraped and that all other plotline avenues must have been exhausted.

Either that or they're lazy as hell. Unlike Coronation Street, which can rely on the occasional bit of humour to keep things fresh, EastEnders lurches from one gloom-laden episode to the next, unable to come up with anything new or interesting to say.

Its comedic efforts, usually involving hapless mechanics Minty and Gary, pale in comparison to Corrie's and wouldn't raise a titter in a laughing gas factory, let alone lift the dreariness

(that has ruined many a family Christmas in Chez Betts) that besieges this programme like the Zulus at Rorke's Drift.

On the whole the soap hasn't been much kop since Arthur Fowler went bananas and stole the Christmas Club money or Dirty Den met his fate via a gun poking from a bunch of daffs down by the canal, only to re-emerge from a behind a yukka plant in the nightclub 15 years later (seriously, there's something about Leslie Grantham and foliage).

In a move that smacks of desperation just as much as Den's return, the ginger whinger and ever-dull Ricky have crawled back into Albert Square.

Of course, all anyone really wanted to hear was the famous screech of "Riiiiickahy" and once that not-so-high high point had been scaled it was only ever going one way: Downhill.

With a brood of street urchins trailing in their wake, the "Everybody's Talking About It" trailer invited us to "Meet The Jacksons." Hardly the most appetite-whetting of suggestions.

Take my advice and decline the invitation: beat yourself over the head with a rolling pin for 30 minutes each night. It's far less painful.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU may be talking at cross purposes with a friend or relative and although you pride yourself on being objective, it might be impossible to repress your emotions with this person. The kinder you are to yourself, the easier it will be to handle the challenges ahead.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

MONEY won't flow in as quickly as you'd like. It's probably best to cut back your spending. You can have just as much fun at home. If a friend asks to borrow money, refuse, and explain why. Pretending you are well off will only drive a wedge between you and a loved one.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

It feels like circumstances are conspiring against you. An attempt to look calm, cool, and sophisticated could spectacularly backfire. Resist the urge to change your style as a means to impress a prospective partner. Putting on an act will only lead to disillusionment.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

ALL you want to do is escape from the world. Taking the phone off the hook isn't an option. You need to be on call for your nearest and dearest. Prepare for a challenging week ahead. Be good to yourself whenever you can. Small gestures will help you withstand the pressure.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

FRIENDS may not be very helpful. Try not to take their apparent indifference personally. This week is making heavy demands on everyone. Your challenge is in the social arena. Contrary to how it appears, you are loved and cherished. It just may not feel like it.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

IT may be difficult to reach your career goals. An authority figure could be blocking you. Instead of bashing your head against a brick wall, stay beneath the radar. Look for another job. For now, you've got to maintain the status quo. It's easier to get a job when you have one.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE eager to expand your horizons, but the opportunities just aren't coming. It's better to bide your time than take a risk. It's not enough to be passionate about a subject you need a level of expertise as well and while the road ahead may look daunting, it's worth taking.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

MONEY you are expecting may not arrive so find an alternative source of income. Be willing to accept a job as a short-term way to pay your bills. Someone who wants you to overhaul your lifestyle isn't worth listening to try to find someone a balanced view.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU may be given a thankless task. In situations like these, you need to do the bare minimum and move on. Don't accept the job and then refuse to do it. If you're looking for work you may not get any responses to your inquiries this week, but forge forward anyway.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IT seems like everybody is conspiring to stop you having a good time. Solitary pleasures may be the only form of relaxation you can find. Although the prospect of spending all this time alone may be challenging to a sociable soul like you, it may ultimately prove rewarding.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THIS could be a week of emotional highs and lows. You're ready to make amends with a relative, but this person may not want to let go of their resentment. You've got to conserve your resources, even if a close associate is urging you to buy something expensive.

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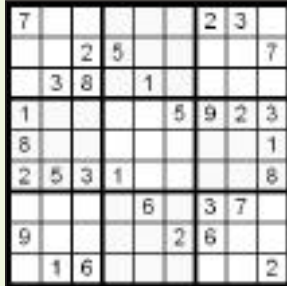
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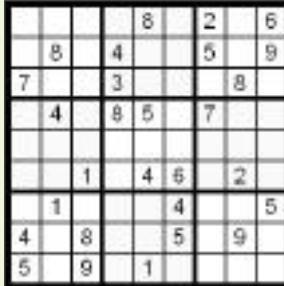
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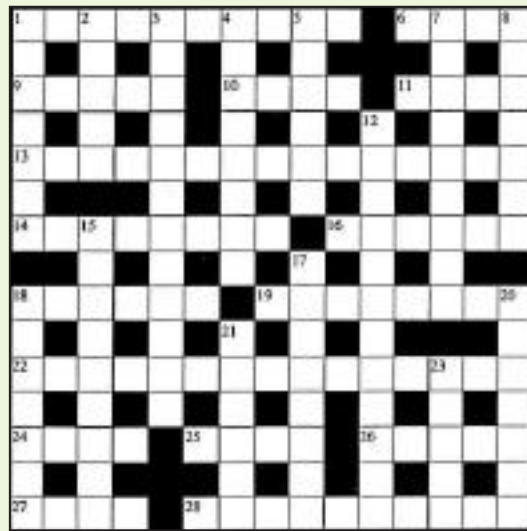
ACROSS

- 1 Rider's seat behind the hill (10)
- 6 Do not bid for permit (4)
- 9 In time Rita finds excellence (5)
- 10 & 11 Cheeky complaint? (4-4)
- 13 Afterthought about respect (15)
- 14 Support an objection intended to be heard (8)
- 16 Become inflexible or skeletal? (6)
- 18 Among the beehives trying to find room (6)
- 19 Said to be an angry bloodsucker, a puzzle (8)
- 22 Look for the woman across the Channel (8,2,5)
- 24 Swear word? (4)
- 25 Capture Greek seaman (4)
- 26 A French chap to weaken (5)
- 27 Food out west (4)
- 28 Accept reel coming from the vessel (10)

DOWN

- 1 I am Sara coming from region of ancient Palestine (7)
- 2 The same again, endlessly affluent Greek style (5)
- 3 Not a dead language but Spanish or Portuguese is spoken in these countries (5,7)
- 4 Help second said mate (8)
- 5 Distinguishing mark that's a pain in court (6)
- 7 This vicar perplexed record-keeper (9)
- 8 In a strict way cunning bird was included (7)
- 12 Love-apple? (7,5)
- 15 Uncover posh unruly heathens (9)
- 17 Can be climbed over despite black state inside (8)
- 18 Circle having 600 debts? (7)
- 20 See clan in revolt during purge (7)
- 21 Edict from French Indian! (6)
- 23 From Miami Michael took copy (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Disreputable member (5,5)
- 6 Offscourings (4)
- 9 Creep (5)
- 10 Stout cord (4)
- 11 Smoky fog (4)
- 13 Touch (4,4,7)
- 14 Intrude (8)
- 16 Foot swelling (6)
- 18 Collide (6)
- 19 Neckcloth (8)
- 22 One on the loose (7,8)
- 24 Stratford's river (4)
- 25 Courageous (4)
- 26 Musical form (5)

- 27 Moustache (colloq.) (4)
- 28 Insisted on (10)

DOWN

- 1 Two-wheeler (7)
- 2 Warning (5)
- 3 Optical toy (12)
- 4 Ship's-biscuit (8)
- 5 Anticipate (6)
- 7 Bell-towers (9)
- 8 Magneto (anag.) (7)
- 12 Not prosperous (12)
- 15 Roomy (9)
- 17 Rose suddenly (6,2)
- 18 Not accurate (7)
- 20 Ward off (7)
- 21 Dexterous (6)
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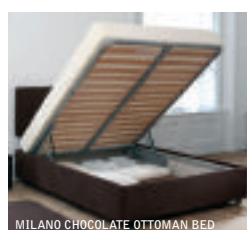
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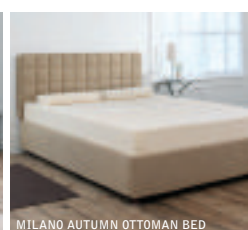
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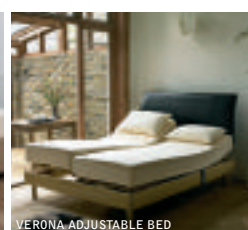
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PROPERTY NEWS

Development aims to recreate charm

FERNDALE is the name of a new housing development in the heart of the Garden of England.

In the village of East Peckham, near Paddock Wood, the development aims to recreate the rural, rustic charm of bygone days.

It includes four detached houses, each with four bedrooms, five two-bedroom cottages and two two-bedroom bungalows.

The cottages and bungalows all surround a courtyard, while the larger houses are at the front of the whole development.

It is the work of developer Da Vinci Properties, of Maidstone, which states its aim is to "bring maximum ease and convenience to a hectic 21st-century lifestyle".

The company also emphasises local attractions, including access to London, the River Medway and the nearby towns of Maidstone and Tonbridge.

"A beautiful, well-appointed home at Ferndale will provide not only the quality of life you seek, but also the time in which to enjoy this historic and attractive area," said a spokesman for the developer.

Bill would open up coastal 'corridor'

SEASIDE property owners could see their privacy disrupted if plans to open every stretch of the coastline to walkers and ramblers are given the go-ahead.

At present, private property on the seafont is protected and rights of way usually avoid gardens and other land in the possession of homeowners.

Other areas are just completely off-limits to those who do not own the land.

But provisions within the Marine Bill – soon to be discussed by Parliament – are expected to call for the formation of a 'corridor' giving the public access to the whole of the coast.

This would open up previously inaccessible areas – including land in private hands.

Supporters of the move say it is necessary as access to the seafont should be available to all.

But opponents claim the quality of life and the privacy of many people who own homes and land along the coast would be severely affected.



INVESTMENT: Landlords have seen good returns from their rental properties so far this year, with nine out of 10 insisting that they have no intention of selling them

Properties are let to spring good returns

■ BY NICK AMES

INVESTORS who buy property to re-let it have seen increases in their returns during the first quarter of 2008, according to recent studies which point to demand from immigrants as a significant factor.

The average return on an investment is 21.7 per cent, up 0.27 per cent and flats also show a marginally higher return than houses.

An investigation into the trend in this form of property was carried out in the first two months of the year by members of the Association of Residential Letting Agents.

This body regulates the buying and selling of property to let and also acts as an industry watchdog.

The survey states that, given this increase in

immigrant demand and domestic demographic trends, nine out of 10 investment landlords continue to state that they have no intention of selling their investment properties should house prices fall.

And 46 per cent of all investment landlords report their intention to buy further property during the next 12 months – the average life expectancy of their investments remains unchanged at close on 17 years.

However, irrespective of house prices, 18 per cent of landlords will sell some or all of their property investments during the coming year.

The quarterly ARLA Review and Index, the largest survey of its kind, is carried out with the support of the ARLA Group of Buy to Let Mortgage Lenders: Bank of Ireland Mort-

gages, Cheltenham & Gloucester, GMAC-RFC, Mortgage Express, NatWest and Paragon Mortgages.

ARLA operations manager Ian Potter said: "There can be no doubt from these figures that buy-to-let landlords are well aware of the opportunities but behave with caution."

"In fact, caution has been the watchword in the buy-to-let market since its inception. Buy-to-let remains the sustainable option for housing."

The average portfolio contains just under seven properties, although half of all respondents only hold one or two properties.

The most likely buy-to-let purchase is a property between 50 and 100 years old in good condition.

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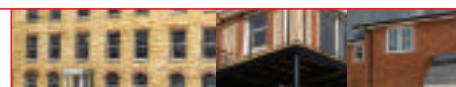
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MOTORS NEWS



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Every customer taking a test drive in a new Peugeot from 10-20 April can enter this competition, with the frugal 107 city car, 207 supermini and spacious new 308 family hatchback likely to be the frontrunners.

On the other hand, much interest is expected in the successor to the legendary 205 GTi – the ferocious 207 GTi THP 175 (pictured above) – and the chic 207 CC (Coupé Cabriolet).



Honda Civic Type-R is voted the No1 hot hatch

HONDA'S 'space shuttle' Civic Type-R is the nation's favourite three-door hot hatchback.

Since lift-off a year ago, 5,192 buyers have opted for this sleek sporting model, against 4,778 equivalent Ford Focus STs and 1,984 VW Golf GTIs.

Honda is only too happy to trumpet the car's success, boosted by slick styling and features like the arrowhead door handles, triangular exhausts and starship dashboard.

For our online report on the Type-R – see 'Star Drive' on Motors TV at www.carsforkent.co.uk or via 'cars and transport' at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.



Land Rover Freelander is a real tax beater

LAND Rover says persistent customer demand inspired production of a commercial derivative of its award-winning Freelander 2 (from £20,775) to benefit from being VAT and company car tax exempt.

The award-winning 4x4 is now available in two trim levels minus rear seats and side airbags and plus a full-height solid bulkhead with mesh panel, floor support frame, floor panel with lashing points, fixed rear side glass, rubber load mat, tail door and side window guards and rear cargo lighting.



DIVIDED OPINION: The Volvo C30 Coupé has distinct styling, solid build, great engines, and is value for money, but it would seem even all this is not enough to make it a runaway success

New Volvo coupé's split personality splits vote

VOLVO'S C30 Coupé has not scored as well as the Swedish marque hoped.

The styling divides car fans as football splits Liverpool, because Volvo tried to create a coupé – hence the car's 'C' prefix – with hatchback versatility.

Some people whinge that they want a coupé that looks like a coupé though, even if the C30 is a bargain in those terms, from £14,995 and now including smart 'R-Design' trappings as the entry trim.

Conversely, company car 'user choosers' shopping for a versatile premium hatchback will ask what the C30 can do for them that an Audi A3 cannot – and there's no five-door option either.

By this stage, it sounds forlorn to quote the heritage and style of that rakish glass tailgate, echoing the 1970s Volvo 1800ES and 1980s 480ES.

If only doubters would get behind the wheel though and see what the Swede brings: premium badge, distinctive styling, solid build, some great engines, a good driving experience... and rarity value.

ROAD TEST VOLVO C30 COUPÉ

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

The sensible choice is the 2.0-litre diesel we tested just after the car's rather protracted launch last year – it has power plus economy – but the 'halo model' is the performance star T5 (£24,495) tested here.

It uses a turbocharged five-cylinder 227bhp 2.5-litre Volvo unit that, much to the irritation of Volvo dealers, has been lauded more for being in the Ford Focus ST hot hatch, though Volvo's parent did donate the excellent Focus platform to the C30 in return.

The combination is impressive: the C30 T5 sprints to 60mph in 6.2 seconds, features a crisp six-speed 'box, pin-sharp steering, excellent grip and the ability to devour rural miles, cruise with refinement on the motorway and be a joy around town.

Of course, fuel consumption suffers if you exploit the performance, but I cannot think of another coupé that drives as well and possesses some hatchback versatility.

Interior quality is impressive, but the boot is smaller than obvious sports hatch rivals and has a fiddly load cover and just two rear seats, though these offer better comfort and legroom than many rival coupés.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

ALTERNATIVE HATCHBACKS

IN a market sector where products are increasingly and boringly similar in styling and packaging, some manufacturers have been creating highly individual interpretations of the family hatchback or Ford Focus composition. Two of our choices here are affordable yet potentially fiery options too – depending on engine choice – while the third is a pricier premium/executive choice within a modest-size frame. They also come from different countries, but what all three do have in common is the ability to turn heads and be a talking point even when they are used buys.

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SEAT LEON



SEAT didn't do much wrong with styling the original Leon, but its replacement is a stunner intended to look like a coupe. Both generations look racy though – in keeping with Seat's brief to be the affordable sporting brand within the Volkswagen group stable – and have a good range of petrol and diesel engines that mostly deliver on that front too. In addition, Leons have VW Golf underpinnings so they are durable yet far more affordable than their donor car.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

ALFA ROMEO 147



SET aside old prejudices about Alfa Romeo reliability and durability – the 147 was the car that reversed that image of the romantic Italian brand. Along with the earlier 156 saloon, it also initiated a new generation of Alfa buyers to smooth and punchy diesel engines – a power source once unthinkable for the race-bred brand. Though due for replacement, the 147 still looks fresh as well as being cheap to buy and run – avoid the uncomfortable GTA hooligan hot hatch though.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

AUDI A3



NOW into its second generation, the 'premium cum practical' Audi A3 hatchback opened up a whole new market to Audi, as well as recruiting new customers who have since traded up to bigger models. Sometimes derided as a re-badged VW Golf, the brand four-rings on the radiator grille still brings cachet – at a price though even on the used market. All models drive well but there are some excellent performance Quattro models, as well as powerful and long-lived diesels.

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ALFA ROMEO

147 1.6, T Spark, 2001, red, 50685 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

AUDI

A3, SE, ak02fuo, central locking, immobiliser, air conditioning, electric windows, power steering, abs, air bag, cd player, colour coded body, head restraints, electric mirrors, alcantara leather, stereo, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, 17" alloys, blue, 52000 miles, £6999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

BMW

318, 2003, mauritus blue, 25478 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

320 2.0, T2 SE 6 Speed, 2004, black, 51000 miles, £9995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

TACUMA, SX 1.6, 19637, finished in denim blue with black interior manual, black, 0 miles, £7995, Caffyns, Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light side gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, 925649, chrysler pt cruiser 2.4 g5r honda honda ashford dale & fletcher, radio, 2005, 26702 miles, manual, petrol, 6 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, £7990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CITROEN

C2, 1.4i Furió 3dr, 2005, 1.4i furio 3dr hatch, black, 21000 miles, £6995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C2, 1.1i Design 3dr, 2005, 1.1i design 3dr hatch, red, 24500 miles, £5495, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

TACUMA, CDX 1998cc 5 door, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning immobiliser electric windows, met blue, 85000 miles, £2495, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

TERIOS, 1.3 Sport Station Wagon 5d 1298cc, 05 2005, remote central locking, 5 speed gearbox, grey cloth interior, roof spoiler, side opening rear door, parcel shelf, large boot, alloy wheels, front and rear fog lamps, full service history, metallic blue and grey, miles, £6795, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

DODGE

CALIBER, 1.8 SE 5dr, 14/04/2007, cd player power steering electric windows, black, 5700 miles, £8499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 993221 (TRADE)

FIAT

GRANDE PUNTO, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, trip computer, jungle grey, 0 miles, £5995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, tinted glass, trip computer, metallic paint, orange, 14500 miles, £6995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

FORD

FIESTA, 1.4 zefec, 2005, moonstool silver with black / charcoal, 32700 miles, £5495, ULM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style Climate, 2007, moonstool silver, 0 miles, £7995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Flame, 2005, moonstool silver, 33939 miles, £5995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 TDCi Style Climate, 2007, ocean blue, 0 miles, £8995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec Automatic, 2004, magnum grey, 22000 miles, £5495, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX, 2005, Colorado red, 20596 miles, £5495, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX, 2005, aquarius, 24000 miles, £3995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, LX 1.8 Tdci 115ps, 2006, moonstool silver with charcoal high velour, 20000 miles, £9495, ULM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FOCUS, LX 1.6 TDCi Estate New Model, 2006, panther black with charcoal high velour, 37000 miles, £8295, ULM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FOCUS, Zetec 1.8i Climatic, 2007, moonstool silver with charcoal-sports trim, 2400 miles, £9495, ULM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

HONDA

CR-V, ES Auto, remote central locking, alarm, roof rails, rear headrests, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, radio, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, 4x4, silver, 73200 miles, £4495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CR-V, 2.0 ES 5dr Auto, 137178, central locking, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, sunroof, cd player, stereo, 15" alloys, 4x4, metallic blue/silver, 77000 miles, £4990, Kent TDI Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 90 TDI County Station Wagon, 10861054, power steering, tow pack, side steps, rear wash/wipe, sunroof, 4x4, 7 seater, road tax is £185 per year on this vehicle, blue, 50000 miles, £10995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 110 TDI County Station Wagon, 10862054, tow pack, rear wash/wipe, power steering, sunroof, 4x4, 9 seater, road tax is £185 per year on this vehicle, blue, 84000 miles, £9995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 90 TDS County Station Wagon, 10869054, alarm, folding rear seats, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, alloy wheels, 4x4, road tax for this vehicle is £210 per year, metallic red, 67000 miles, £12995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

MAZDA

3, 2004, grey, 21300 miles, £6995, WJ King Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 6161 (TRADE)

323, 1.8i Executive, 1998, insurance group 12 2 owners service history central locking front electric windows drivers airbag power steering immobiliser, classic red, 53000 miles, £2900, A1 Carriages, Croydon, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

323, 1.6 6vi 5dr [ac], 769649, mazda petrol, 32000 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 2 previous owners, green, £3889, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

323, 1.6 Ts 5dr, 885649, mazda mazda 3.1 6 is 5dr mazda mazda ashford dale & fletcher red, 2005, 30036 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, red, £2795, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MERCEDES-BENZ

230 SPORT KOMPRESSOR, 1998, fantastic car with full ivory leather interior,full sport pack, like/blue, 57,000 miles, £5999.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

A CLASS, A140 Avantgarde facelift model just 22000 miles, e94ub, remote alarm, remote central locking, half leather, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, 15" alloys, white dials, blue metallic, 22000 miles, £7995, DW Leisure Mercedes Benz Specialist, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

E CLASS, E320 CDI Diesel Elegance facelift model auto, 1495077, remote alarm, remote central locking, multi-function steering wheel, power steering,twin air bags, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, powered folding mirrors, air conditioning, 16" alloys, aluminium silver, 115000 miles, £6995, DW Leisure Mercedes Benz Specialist, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

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ZR, 105+ 3dr, i54 s4 svj, front fog lamps, rear spoiler, remote central locking, alarm, immobiliser, sports seats, half leather, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, electric front windows, electric mirrors, electric sunroof, power steering, air bag, abs, alloy wheels, silver, 14000 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

ZS, 120 5dr, g103 ovy, rear wash/wipe, rear spoiler, rear headrests, remote central locking, alarm, immobiliser, sports seats, half leather, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, electric front windows, electric mirrors, abs, power steering, alloy wheels, yellow, 26000 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

MINI

COOPER, 2005, abs body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front head restraints height adjustable drivers seat isofix child seat anchor points pas passenger airbag radio/cd multichanger rear headrests rear wiper remote central locking service indicator side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment, metallic silver, 35340 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

COOPER, 2007, abs alarm body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front head restraints height adjustable drivers seat isofix child seat anchor points pas passenger airbag radio/cd rear headrests rear wiper remote central locking service indicator side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment, metallic silver, 4941 miles, £15995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

COOPER, 2006, silver, 7096 miles, £15995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

COOPER S, 1.6 3 DR, 2002, trim: part leather engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, red, 44000 miles, £9995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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COLT, 1.3 C22, 2006, abs air conditioning alloy wheels auto remote control body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats rear electric windows front fog lights height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, lunar silver, 12000 miles, £6499, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

COLT, 1.5 Sport, 2004, black, miles, £5995, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

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NISSAN

MICRA, 1.2 16v S Hatchback 5dr auto, 06/2006, electric windows central locking pas, blue, 13, 000 miles, £5715, Chertton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MICRA, S 1.2, 2005, aruba blue metallic with grey high velour, 20000 miles, £4995, ULM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

MICRA, S 1.2, 2005, blade silver with grey high velour, 24000 miles, £4995, ULM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

MICRA, 1.2 SE Automatic, 2004, techno grey, 22500 miles, £2795, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

MICRA, 1.0 Vibe 3dr (1996 - 1997), 18/03/2002, red, 21493 miles, £2999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

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206, gti, 2002, met blue with black leather, 74508 miles, £4695, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

206, 2.0 16v 180 GTi 3 door, g104 luy, red, 12864 miles, £7495.00, Greens Vauxhall Holbroth, Snodland, 01634 246750 (TRADE)

206, LX 1.4, 2000, silver with charcoal special trim, 58000 miles, £2995, ULM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

206, 1.4 S, 2004, metallic silver, 45000 miles, £4495, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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RENAULT

LAGUNA, Expression 1783cc 5 door, 2004, cd player air conditioning alloy wheels central locking alarm power steering mileage verified immobiliser electric windows, met blue, 86000 miles, £3795, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

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9-3, Linear TID 1.9, oct 2004 two previous keepers, power steering, remote central locking, air conditioning, car alarm, on-board computer, seat height adjuster, alloy wheels, silver metallic, 32, 000 miles, £9, 495, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

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ALHAMBRA, SX TDI 1.9 130PS 5dr MPV, mar 2004, g104wiy, one previous keeper, power steering, remote central locking, climate control, front electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, engine immobiliser, car alarm, cruise control, electricdoor mirrors, cool box, tinted glass, rear wash/wipe, ad, steering column, seat height adjuster, seven seats, 2 x integrated child seats, indigo blue metallic, 46,500 miles, £11, 735, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

ALHAMBRA, 2.0 TDI PD Reference 7 Seat 5dr, 12/04/2002, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, climate control, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, engine immobiliser, car alarm, privacy glass, cloth upholstery centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, folding rear seats, rear headrests, seat-back tables, adjustable steering column, power steering, traction control, trip computer, multiple airbags, quick-clear screen, metallic paintwork, roof rails, automatic electric windows, dual climate zones, radio, stereo, link blue met, 38739 miles, £12499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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SMART

CITY-COUPÉ, abs, air bag, twin air bags, electric front windows, electric windows, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, silver, 26092 miles, £4999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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FORFOUR, 2005, abs air conditioning alarm body coloured bumpers drivers airbag folding rear seats front immobiliser pas passenger airbag rear headrests rear wiper remote central locking service indicator side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment traction control, silver, 29353 miles, £5695, WJ King Vauxhall, Farnham, 01322 862366 (TRADE)

FORTWO, pure 61, 2006, white black with grey, 19000 miles, £4995, ULM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

SUZUKI

SUZUKI JIMNY J1X, 09 2000, 1.2 p auto 4x4 estate red 45,000 miles, £2495, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

ALTO, 1.1 GL Hatchback 5dr, 54/2005, pas central locking electric windows, bright red, 15, 000 miles, £3895, Chertton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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ALTO, 1.1 GL Hatchback 5dr, 05/2005, pas central locking electric windows, black, 37, 000 miles, £3695, Chertton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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AVENSIS, 1.8 WT-i T3-S 5dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, air conditioning, cd player, satellite navigation, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, carlo blue met, 30100 miles, £11 499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

AVENSIS, 1.8 WT-i T3-X 5dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, silver steel, 20597 miles, £9499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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CORSA, Club, 51, 1 years mot, recently serviced full service history, 2 owners, excellent condition, cheap tax and insurance, silver, 52000 miles, £2850, Kent, 07842119575 (PRIVATE)

ASTRA, Active 1, 2637, blue with black interior £3995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

ASTRA, 2006, black sapphire, 10200 miles, £13995, WJ King Vauxhall, Rochester, 01634 723723 (TRADE)

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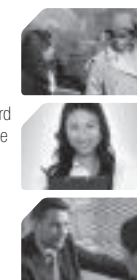
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For an application form please contact: KCA Head Office, Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT
Tel: 01795 590635, Fax: 01795 539351
email recruitment@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk

Closing Date: 18 April 2008
Interview Date: 29 April 2008

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Campaigns Managers (two posts)

Visit Kent is the official tourism marketing body for Kent. We are a public/private sector marketing partnership with over 75 stakeholders supporting Kent's £2.1bn visitor economy.

We are seeking two energetic and experienced Campaigns Managers to join the marketing team based in Canterbury. Working as part of a small team we need a Manager with website management and development experience to oversee our electronic marketing activity and another Manager with PR and media relations experience and ideally exhibitions experience, to oversee our PR and exhibitions programme. Both will have their own campaigns to run and be part of the marketing strategy and delivery team in support of Visit Kent's investors and the tourism industry in Kent. A passion for Kent and enthusiasm for destination marketing and partnership working is essential.

Salary £26,000 p.a.

Visit www.visitkent.co.uk for more details of the positions and application details.

For further information, please contact Sharon Dawson on 01227 862789 or sharon.dawson@visitkent.co.uk

Closing date for applications: 22nd April 2008

Interviews to be held on 28th April & 2nd May in Canterbury. This advertisement first appeared on 9th April 2008.

Visit Kent Limited is a public/private sector partnership supported by Kent County Council, Medway Council, the District and Borough Councils, Tourism South East and the leading private sector tourism businesses in Kent.



Community Training and Education Officer (Valley of Visions)

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 pro rata 22.2 hours per week - Fixed Term to November 2010 initially
The Cedars, Snodland

Do you enjoy working with people, have a passion for conserving and celebrating the countryside, and also enjoy a challenge? Then you may have the mix of skills we are looking for. Why not be a part of the Valley of Visions? This is an exciting opportunity to join a new team that is making a real difference in the Medway Gap, a place of dramatic contrasts lying within and beside the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

We have the funding and local support in place to deliver an ambitious project that takes an integrated and sustainable approach to landscape, access and heritage management. With a budget of £2.5m over three years provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund and others, this is a well-resourced and planned scheme.

You will be responsible for a budget of over £130,000, and will implement the training plan - a cross-cutting programme of training and educational activities. These will improve the capacity of the local communities, partnership organisations and the Valley of Visions team itself to conserve, enhance and celebrate the natural and cultural heritage of the valley.

All officers employed by the Valley of Visions Landscape Partnership Scheme work across programmes to support other team members and ensure integration of projects. The team works as part of the Kent Downs AONB Unit and you will be employed by Kent County Council. Ref: ER/08/0072

Closing date: Midday, 18th April 2008.

Marketing and Development Adviser

Starting salary £20,061, with progression through contribution related pay to £22,825 per annum
Mid/West Kent

KEY Training Services, part of Kent County Council, is the largest work-based learning provider in the county. Operating across Kent (and delivering workplace training county-wide) we work hand-in-hand with businesses and their employees to provide them with the skills they need. As part of our continued development, we are now expanding our employer engagement - and it will be up to you to market and sell the benefits of Work Based Learning to employers.

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Closing date: Midday, 24th April 2008.

The above two posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

PA/Business Support Officer

Starting salary £16,627, with progression through contribution related pay to £18,288 per annum
Maidstone

We are looking for an individual who has the skills and experience to support the Head of Arts Development Unit and the rest of the team in addressing the challenges facing the Unit in 2008 and beyond.

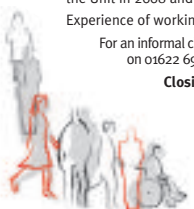
Experience of working as a PA and knowledge of local government in Kent are essential.

For an informal chat about this post, telephone Sally Staples, Head of Arts Development Unit on 01622 696515. Ref: CD/08/0031

Closing date: Midday, 18th April 2008.

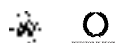
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Media and Public Relations Officer

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 per annum
Post Ref: 08/32/KOS

Higher Education Curriculum Mentor

37 hrs per week, 38 wks per year term time.
Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum
Fixed-term post for two years or up until 31st July 2010
Post Ref: 08/34/KOS

Head Chef

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum
Post Ref: HC1/KOS

Trainer Demonstrator Hospitality and Catering

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: 08/37/KOS

Learning Resources Centre Co-ordinator

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum
Post Ref: 07/03/KOS

Temporary Enrolment Records Assistant

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum.
Temporary posts commencing 1 June 2008 and ending on 31 October 2008
Post Ref: TERA (1-4)/KOS

Curriculum Support Assistant Construction

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year term time.
Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: 06/201/KOS

Catering Assistant

16 hrs per week, 36 weeks per year term time.
Salary £11,801 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: CA6/KOS

Supply NVQ Assessors required in the following areas:

Early Years

Post Ref: NVQ/EY/KOS

Play work

Post Ref: NVQ/PW/KOS

Various hours available, salary range £17,727- £25,418 pro rata per annum

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The closing date for the above posts is Monday 21 April at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:

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Head of Quality and Standards

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £40,821 per annum
Post Ref: 08/35/KOS

Canterbury College is aiming to be the best in teaching and learning by 2010. An exciting opportunity has arisen to take on this key role in the College to drive this further forward. As Head of Quality and Standards you will be responsible for all quality review and improvement processes together with taking forward local, national and government quality initiatives with the ultimate aim being to further enhance the quality of the teaching and learning experience thereby ensuring success for all students at Canterbury College.

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Lecturer Cross-College Key Skills

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: 08/36/KOS

Senior Learning Resources Officer

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 per annum
Post Ref: 53/KOS

Hair & Beauty Receptionist

18.5 hrs per week, 40 weeks per year term time.
Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: 08/17/KOS

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Section Manager Construction Crafts

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum.
Post Ref: 08/12/KOS

Higher Education Lecturer in Building Surveying

9.25 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: 07/28/KOS

HE Supply Lecturers are required to teach across HNC, HND, Foundation and Honours Degree programmes in the following areas:

Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum
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BA (Hons) in Health and Social Care Management
HND in Health and Social Care
FD in Counselling*
FD in Care Management*
HND and FD in Retail Management

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Please specify your area/s of expertise in your application form
Post Ref: S/HE/KOS

Supply Lecturers Key Skills in Communications, ICT &

Application of Number are required to teach across the areas of Health, Public Services and Early Years

Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum
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Section Manager Equine, Animal Care, Veterinary Services and Environmental Conservation

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £52,808 per annum
Post ref: 08/05/KOS

The Faculty of Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care is looking for someone to lead and manage a team of dedicated professionals committed to helping Canterbury College becoming one of the best FE colleges in the country by 2010.

Reporting to the Head of Faculty, you will be responsible for the development and delivery of a curriculum portfolio which meets the present and future needs of students, employers and communities in Kent and beyond.

You will have a commitment to excellence and a focus on delivery, together with an up to date knowledge of the land-based FE curriculum and key national developments.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above post is Friday 18 April at 12 noon. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 7 May.

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Gill Perry, Headteacher
Burnt Oak Primary School
Cornwall Road
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Kent ME7 1LP
Telephone - (01634) 852991
Fax - 01634 571283
Email office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

Fairview Community Primary School

Foundation Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and fixed term
Term of contract: 1 Year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
Diana Parker, Office Manager
Fairview Community Primary School
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Telephone - (01634) 338710
Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

Fairview Community Primary School

Year 3
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and fixed term
Term of contract: 1 Year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 2 May 2008
To apply/more information
Diana Parker
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Gordon Junior School

KS2 Teacher (Responsibility for Literacy)
Salary: MPS + TLR 2b - £3940
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 13 May 2008
To apply/more information
Ellen Wilson
Headteacher
Gordon Road, Strood
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Telephone - (01634) 719971
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Email headteacher@gordon-jun.medway.sch.uk

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KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Temporary
Term of contract: 1 Year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 22 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Harrison Drive
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Email headteacher@highhalstow.medway.sch.uk

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Class Teacher and Subject Leader for Music
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 24 April 2008

To apply/more information

Shella Scott, Luton Junior School
Luton Road
Chatham
Kent ME4 5AW
Telephone - (01634) 844149
Fax - 01634 843582
Email scott001@medway.org.uk

The Pilgrim School

KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 2 May 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs D Field
Office Manager
The Pilgrim School
Warwick Crescent, Borstal
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Teacher

Greenacre School

Teacher of PE
Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 30 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr A J Reese, Headteacher
Greenacre School
Bradfields Avenue
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Telephone - (01634) 861593
E-mail office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

Medway Community College

Teacher of English
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008 or earlier
Closing date: 25 April 2008
To apply/more information
Katharine Pringle/Julie Jones
Teacher Recruitment Team
Medway Council
Civic Centre
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Telephone - (01634) 331292
Email teaching@medway.gov.uk

Medway Community College

Mathematics Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 25 April 2008
To apply/more information
Katharine Pringle/Julie Jones
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St John Fisher Catholic

Comprehensive School
Teacher of Law
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
Ordnance Street
Chatham
Kent ME4 6DP
Telephone - (01634) 842811
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

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Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 21 April 2008



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Tel. 01634 362746 Email: admin@rsrg.org.uk

Closing date: 2nd May 2008

To apply/more information

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Tel: 01634 852341
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Teacher of Dance
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 21 April 2008
To apply/more information
Sue Moss
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The Hundred of Hoo

Comprehensive School
Teacher of Mathematics
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 2 May 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs K Cruttenden
Headteachers P.A.
The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
Main Road, Hoo
Rochester
Kent ME3 9HH
Telephone - (01634) 251443
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

The Hundred of Hoo

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Teacher of Science
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 2 May 2008
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Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher
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Head of Department

Greenacre School
Subject Leader in English
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 30 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr A J Reese, Headteacher
Greenacre School
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Bradfields Avenue
Chatham
Kent ME5 0LE
Telephone - (01634) 861593
Fax - 01634 869246
Email office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

Chatham South School

Head of ICT
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLRc
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 21 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Maureen Chipperfield
Office Manager
Chatham South School
Letchworth Avenue
Chatham
Kent ME4 6NT
Telephone - (01634) 404277
Email Headteacher@chathamssouth.medway.sch.uk

Walderslade Girls School

Head of Business Studies
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2B
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 2 May 2008
To apply/more information
Walderslade Girls School
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Walderslade
Kent ME5 0LE
Telephone - (01634) 861596
Email Headteacher@waldersladegirls.medway.sch.uk

Deputy Headteacher /
Curriculum Manager

Walderslade Girls School
Salary: L16 - L20
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 1 May 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs P Conibeer
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Curriculum Leader

The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive
Curriculum leader - Science
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs K Cruttenden
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Rochester
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Telephone - (01634) 251443
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

Assistant Curriculum Leader

The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive
Assistant Curriculum leader (Technology)
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Closing date: 21st April 2008
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To apply for this position, please send your CV to Louise Mitchell, Porsche Centre Tonbridge, Brook Farm, Five Oak Green Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0QN or email louise.mitchell@porschetonbridge.co.uk



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You will have a minimum of Maths & English at GCSE or equivalent and be competent in the use of Microsoft packages including Word and Excel. You will be dealing directly with customers in relation to both contract and special bookings ensuring ALT booking regulations and conditions of hire are adhered to at all times.

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For more information, Job Description and application form, please telephone the School's Personnel Department on 01227 595655 (24 hour answerphone).

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Company drivers are weakest link in health and safety

THE first prosecution under new corporate manslaughter laws just introduced will involve a driver on company business accidentally killing someone on the UK's roads – according to one safety campaigner.

Andrew McGavin, of BetterDrivingPlease.com, said he feels companies' drivers are the weakest part of many business health and safety plans.

He said: "It's estimated one in three of all road accidents involves a company vehicle or someone driving on business."

"I think it is only a matter of time before a company is legally held to be responsible for the actions of one of its employees on the roads."

"BetterDrivingPlease.com has an increasing number of reports of drivers in branded company vehicles spotted using a hand-held mobile phone or driving dangerously."

The new Corporate Manslaughter Act aims to reduce the number of accidents on the country's roads and therefore also cut the number of deaths.

Charity karting day raises thousands

CASH totaling £25,000 was raised for The Heart of Kent Hospice and Demelza House at a business-backed charity event at Buckmore Park.

Involved were 21 corporate teams, with 126 people taking part in the go-karting. The winning company for the day was Hoddesdon Kart Club.

Caroline Brinkman, corporate fundraiser at the Heart of Kent Hospice, said "This event took a lot of hard work from our sponsors to pull it off, but it's worth it."

"This money will mean a lot to the hospice in order to continue our care in the community."

Networking group Bixlinx, which focuses on white collar, high-tech and entrepreneurial businesses, was behind the event.

Future looking gloomy

THE CBI has downgraded its outlook for economic growth for this year, with an even slower prediction for 2009

BY NICK AMES

"However, outside the financial and property sectors the overall mood of business is nothing like as gloomy as you might guess."

"While there are signs of a high street slowdown and some firms say it's getting harder to raise bank finance, many still report quite positive conditions. So it is vitally important to keep the story in perspective."

"Although painful, write-offs by British banks represent a tiny fraction of their capital. After a few good years, the UK corporate balance sheet is in good shape."

"Our flexible labour market is a force for stability and our best bet is that our economy will continue to show modest growth before starting a gradual recovery."

At the same time as the economy slows, inflation is due to rise.

The CBI expects that the rate of inflation will peak at 3.2 per cent in the third quarter of 2008, forcing the governor of the Bank of England to write a second letter to the Chancellor.

Due to the slowing economy, however, inflation is expected to come down in the longer term.



DIFFERENT: Chancellor Alistair Darling has made much brighter economic predictions

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Players weren't strong enough, says 'embarrassed' Bourne boss

BRICKIES manager Gary Abbott described the defeat to Dulwich Hamlet as "embarrassing" and said it was a low point in his short managerial career.

After conceding six goals on Friday night, Abbott has promised wholesale changes for Saturday's game with Chatham Town after witnessing his side fail to put up any resistance against a powerful Dulwich outfit.

He said: "I think there were a few players out there that weren't strong enough. We keep giving teams head starts and we have got to stop doing that. It seems that players were passing the buck when defending and I can tell you that is not good enough. Our two centre halves got beat up again."

FOOTBALL

The Sittingbourne manager has already proved he will not tolerate those not willing to put the effort in to play for the shirt and he was upset with the response of some of his senior players who failed to help the team's younger players.

He said: "There were a few words said at half-time, at the end of the game and right through the game. If I have to get rid of them, I will get rid of them. I am not having players that can't be told things on the pitch."

Abbott apologised to the club's fans who

made their way to Dulwich to watch their side capitulate in dramatic style.

He said: "I feel sorry for the fans that travelled to Dulwich on a Friday night, I wish we could have played better."

"I'm embarrassed and I think anyone would be. I'm gutted and I can tell you that it ruins your week and I hope that it really gets to the players."

"They have got to go and prove to me now that they want to be here next season - it's as simple as that now."

"We have got to go out and enjoy the last three games now but there will be a few changes. We want to get nine points and try and finish as high as we can."



Picture: iStockphoto

BIG CHANGES: Sittingbourne manager Gary Abbott was unhappy with his team's response to criticism after their defeat and is set to make changes

Islanders set for last Ditch effort

SHEPPEY RFC face old rivals Medway at the Ditch on Saturday afternoon in the final game of the Kent Two season.

The islanders take on their old adversaries in the league a week before they play each other again in the semi-final of the Kent Vase.

Medway beat Sheppey 22-11 earlier in the season and will be hoping for another win to ensure they finish the campaign as champions, something the islanders will be keen to prevent.

Medway are expecting to bring a big crowd to Sheppey to see their team lift the championship.

Kick-off at the Ditch is at 3pm.

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Motorsport legend Murray Walker talks about Kent's Brands Hatch circuit

Bourne out to do double over rivals

SITTINGBOURNE RFC take on Gillingham Anchorians this Saturday looking to do the double over their local rivals.

Earlier in the season, Bourne beat the Anchorians 15-10 away from home and will be confident of putting in another strong performance to ensure they finish the season as strongly as possible.

Sittingbourne are sixth in Kent One and will stay there if they beat the side from Gillingham, although they could drop as low as seventh if they are beaten for the tenth time this season.

Kick-off at the Grove is at 3pm on Saturday.

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CONSOLATION: Bradley Spice scored a penalty to draw the sides level on Friday night, but it proved only a consolation as Dulwich went on to score five more goals

Brickies hit for six and so are play-off hopes

FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

Dulwich Hamlet 6 Sittingbourne 1

defenders before having his leg clipped in the area by a defender.

The referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot, which Bradley Spice dispatched to bring the sides level.

It took only eight minutes for Dulwich to regain the lead - but in controversial circumstances.

Lively striker Charlie Taylor found space in the Brickies defence and managed to take the ball round Lewington before being up-ended in the penalty area by Manners.

Again the referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Taylor stepped up to take the penalty that was superbly saved low down to the left by Lewington, but cruelly for the Brickies stopper, the referee felt Sittingbourne players had encroached into the area and ordered a re-take.

This time Taylor sent Lewington the wrong way to put his side in the lead.

The Brickies defence were all at sea and after 37 minutes the game was all over as a contest. Slack marking in the Sittingbourne defence allowed Taylor to convert from a free-kick and it wasn't long until the striker was celebrating a hat-trick.

Just four minutes before half-time, the forward scored the goal of the game when he beat several Sittingbourne defenders in the penalty area before opening up his body and curling a left foot shot past the despairing Lewington for the home side's fourth goal.

Gary Abbott's half-time team talk clearly didn't have the desired effect as it took just four minutes for Dulwich to make it five.

A corner was headed in by Marc Cumberbatch and Ryan Johnson was carried off in the process of trying to defend the corner, which could be a big blow for the club as he has been bright since his move from Slade Green last month.

The home side rubbed further salt in the Sittingbourne wounds when Craig Rochester hit a shot from 20-yards on his weaker left foot that beat Lewington at his near post for the sixth goal after 90 minutes.

Sittingbourne left Dulwich bruised and battered with injuries to Spice and Bryan Glover as well as hugely dented pride.



Picture: ADY KERRY

POSTPONED: The only high performance vehicle to be seen on the Brands Hatch track on Sunday was this snow plough which battled in vain against the unseasonal weather

Brands Hatch snow spoils Shakey's dream pole start

SHANE 'Shakey' Byrne was left frustrated by the bad weather after taking pole position for the opening round of the British Superbike Championship at Brands Hatch.

Heavy snow dropped over the county on Sunday which left Brands Hatch bosses with no other option than to call off the opening round for the first time in the circuit's history of hosting the superbikes.

The championship at Brands has been rescheduled for the weekend of May 10, when the weather should not be an issue.

It left Sheppey racer Byrne disappointed as

SUPERBIKES

■ BY TOM HOWARD

he was the fastest in practice rounds and had taken pole for the race, although he will still remain at the front when they return to Brands.

He said: "It is difficult to take, but we do have the pole position for the next round and we have learnt a bunch of information for when we return to the track in May.

"Also the time between the meetings will give us a chance to develop the bike so we can be even quicker."

Despite not being able to race, Byrne was delighted with his performance in practice and was happy with his new bike's first outing in a competition.

He said: "It has been a fantastic weekend for Airwaves Ducati if you discount Sunday.

"We have been fastest throughout all the sessions and we have learnt an awful lot about the bike.

"We know how fast we can go and how fast everyone else is.

"I was very disappointed to see the snow and frustrated that we cannot race.

"I was especially frustrated as I had secured pole position and I really wanted to come away with the double race victory which would have been a dream start to the season."

Town go back to drawing board

FOOTBALL

**VCD Athletic 5
Faversham Town 0**

FAVERSHAM Town co-manager Justin Luchford hopes his young side learn a few things after what he described as a "hammering" at the weekend.

Town faced an uphill struggle after going 2-0 down in the first 23 minutes, before conceding a further three in the last 15 minutes.

Luchford said he and co-manager Jimmy Strouts learned a lot about their young side.

He said: "They were certainly a lot better than us, but what it has shown is that we are a good side but we are not a top four side as yet.

"The scoreline probably flattered them and their strikers didn't have shot on goal for 90 minutes, which probably says a lot as they all came from set plays.

"It was a hammering and they

beat us fair and square because we were not at the races. It was unrecognisable from the team that beat Erith & Belvedere last week."

With only a few games left of the season, Luchford said he was not prepared for the players to take it easy and will be impressing that on them at training this week.

He said: "We have said all along that they are playing to sign on next season and after that performance they are going to have to buck their ideas up a bit.

"We came up against a good side and we got beat so it is another learning curve for what is a very young side.

"It has hurt them a lot because they love the club and we have created an atmosphere where we all win together and all lose together.

"It is back to the drawing board in a sense, but we will be ready for Greenwich Borough and gunning for three points."

Town face Greenwich Borough at Salters Lane on Saturday, kick-off is at 3pm.



Picture: IOR KUROO

BEATEN: Town boss Justin Luchford said the heavy defeat hurt his young players

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Reserves facing tough away game in the cup

FAVERSHAM Town reserves travel to Tunbridge Wells this evening looking to progress in the Kent Soccer Company Floodlight Trophy.

Kevin Sims' side face a tough battle as Wells sit second in the league and have won 14 games already this season.

Town then travel to VCD Athletic on Saturday looking to break into the top half of Kent League Division Two. With just two games of the season remaining, Town could finish as high as fifth if results go their way.

Rallycross driver begins season with an easy win

STUART Emery got the Procar 2000 season off to a flying start with a comfortable victory in the Rallycross Open Series.

Emery, from Faversham, secured wins in the first two heats before relaxing the pace with a fourth-placed finish in heat three knowing the job had been done.

It was a good start for the 36-year-old racing in his Peugeot 306 Rallye who competes in the next round of the open at Blyton on Sunday, April 13.

Brickies hope to move away from foot of league

SITTINGBOURNE reserves take on high-flying Ashford on Thursday looking to edge away from the bottom of Kent League Division Two.

After just four league wins, Sittingbourne hope to end the season on a high while a number of the players will hope to impress as first-team boss Gary Abbott looks to make changes for the club's last three games of the season.

The Brickies play Ashford at Bourne Park, kick-off is at 7.45pm.

Upchurch open with away trip in village league

UPCHURCH face Ash away from home on the first day of the Kent Village Cricket League.

The fixtures for the new season have been released, which also sees Bapchild take on Loose Cricket Club on Sunday, May 18.

The newly merged Lower Halstow and Bobbing Court clubs face their first Sunday match of the season away to Wootton and Denton in Division Three.

Eastchurch have been drawn to play at home to Exiles at Bridge in their first game of the season in Division Four.

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